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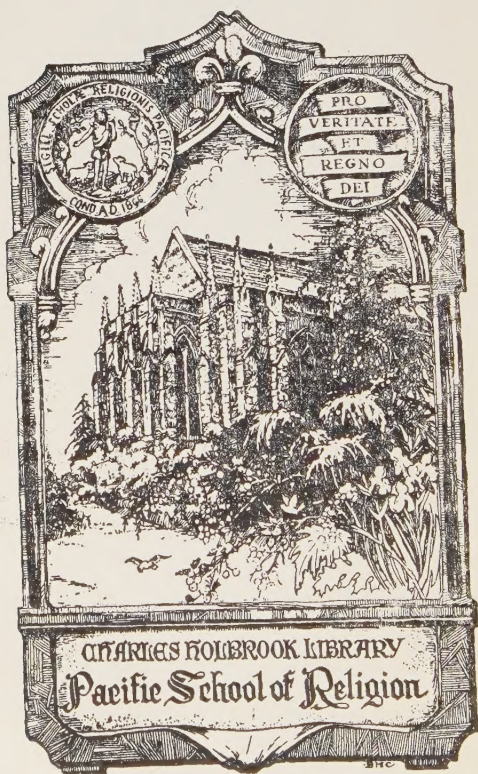
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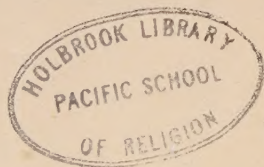
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1. *At New York Yearly Meeting of Friends, held in New York and opened Sixth Day, 1st of Sixth Month, 1877.*

2. Reports were received from each of the Quarterly Meetings, and the following Friends named in them as Representatives, viz. :

Westbury : Pelatiah P. Page, William H. S. Wood, William P. Titus, Edmund Titus, Edward Tatum, Henry Dickinson.

Purchase : David H. Lane, John B. Foster, Stephen C. Griffin, Jacob Mekeel, Benedict J. Carpenter, Henry Wood.

Nine Partners : William Thomas Willis, William B. Collins, Richard T. Osborn, Paul Flagler, James M. Haviland, William D. Hoag.

Ferrisburg : Elihu H. Hoag, Samuel Miles, George A. Barton, Enoch Varney.

Butternuts : Joseph Knowles, Joseph Hill, J. William Peckham, Joseph Bull, Jabez Collins.

Farmington : Albert F. Barnes, Jesse H. Haines, Alanson Chase, William Potter, Willets D. Herendeen, Charles H. Wood.

Saratoga : Jonathan Devol, Jonathan W. Potter, Eber Spicer, Richard Mott, William Carey, Daniel S. Haviland.

Cornwall : Henry R. Hunter, William Carpenter, George Heaton, John Thorne, Hiram Minard, Erastus S. Andrews, Amos W. Southerland.

Scipio : Isaac Mekeel, Chauncey B. Thorne, El-natham Wixom, Isaac Hoag.

Eleven of these were not present, satisfactory reasons were assigned for the absence of six.

3. Ministers of the Gospel from other Yearly Meetings were with us, and presented minutes of unity from the Meetings to which they respectively belong, viz.: Joseph Hobson, of Ohio; Deborah C. Thomas, of Baltimore; Allen Jay, of North Carolina; William Wetherald, of Canada; Barclay Jones, of Iowa; Jehu Jessup, of Indiana; Sarah Ann Linton and Amos N. Kenworthy, of Ohio.

Martha H. Jay, of Ohio, was also present with credentials as companion to Sarah Ann Linton, and Phebe H. Kenworthy, as companion to her husband Amos M. Kenworthy.

The Meeting extended towards them all a cordial greeting as servants of the Lord, brethren and sisters beloved.

4. Thomas W. Ladd, William H. S. Wood, Charles W. Lawrence, Christopher Wray, Silas A. Underhill, Lindley M. Ferris, and Thomas H. Leggett were appointed, in

conjunction with a Committee of the Women's Meeting, to promote such Gospel Service among us as these dear friends may feel drawn to perform; also to prepare, as way may open, suitable returning minutes, and present them with their report towards the close of this Yearly Meeting.

5. Epistles from other Yearly Meetings were received, evincing the brotherhood of the Church and the loving care of Him who is Head over all. Those from London, Dublin, Canada, New England, Baltimore, and North Carolina, were read.

6. The Epistle from North Carolina contained the following postscript, viz.:

“We have at this time been brought under a deep sense of our great responsibilities, in view of our peculiar position and circumstances. Our limits include nine of the Southern States that suffered most from the debasing and demoralizing influences of slavery and the devastations of the late civil war, and among which ignorance prevails in a greater degree, in proportion to the population, than in any other part of our beloved country; many thousands of the people being according to the latest returns still unable to read or write.

In the presence of the multitudes around us who are looking to us for education, enlightenment, and evangelization, we painfully feel our utter inability, either pecuniarily or in other ways, to occupy this vast field of Christian labor in a manner adequate to the pressing need, and we feel called upon, in the name of our dear Redeemer, solemnly to invite our brethren of other Yearly Meetings

earnestly to unite with us in the work thus opened before us, in such manner, whether by pecuniary assistance or by active personal co-operation, or in both these ways, as may appear to them best calculated to promote the Divine Glory, and to satisfy the just claims of these hitherto neglected and ignorant classes upon the Christian sympathy of their fellow countrymen."

Believing that we have also a share in this responsibility in regard to the education, enlightenment, and evangelization of these multitudes so long exposed to the demoralizing influences of slavery and civil war, the subject was referred to the following Committee, who in conjunction with a Committee of the Women's Meeting were directed to report at a future session.) Alden Sampson, Robert M. Ferris, William R. Thurston, Thomas W. Ladd, Thomas Kimber, Henry Wood, Emmor Haines, William H. S. Wood.

7. The Representatives were directed to confer together and propose to this Meeting at the opening of its session this afternoon, the names of Friends deemed by them suitable for appointment as Clerk and Assistant Clerk to the Meeting this year.

Adjourned to 3½ o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon.

8. David H. Lane, on behalf of the Representatives, reported that, having conferred together, they had agreed to propose that Augustus Taber be appointed Clerk, and James Wood, Assistant Clerk, which names, having been

separately proposed and considered, were united with, and these Friends appointed accordingly.

9. The remaining Epistles from other Yearly Meetings were read, viz.: from Ohio, Indiana, Western, Iowa, and Kansas.

To prepare essays of replies, as way should open, to all the Epistles received by this Meeting, the following committee was appointed: David H. Lane, Thomas Kimber, William P. Angel, Henry Hartshorne, James R. Taber, Edward Brown, William Carey, Joshua L. Barton, James M. Haviland, William Thomas Willis, Benedict J. Carpenter, Daniel Lawrence, Jacob D. Bell, Charles D. Williamson, J. William Peckham, Richard S. Collins, William Carpenter, Henry Wood, Chauncey B. Thorne, L. Murray Ferris, Samuel Miles, Jacob Mekeel.

10. The following Friends were appointed a Finance Committee. They were directed to settle the accounts of the Treasurer, consider all proposals for the appropriation of money which should be referred to them by the Yearly Meeting, and report the amount which, in their judgment, will be required for its use during the ensuing year:— Henry Dickinson, William H. S. Wood, William R. Thurston, Daniel H. Hallock, Jacob Mekeel, Richard B. Carpenter, Nathan G. Swift, Richard T. Osborn, William B. Collins, Elihu H. Hoag, James R. Dean, Enoch Varney, George Brown, Joseph Hill, Jabez Collins, Willets D. Herendeen, Emmor Haines, William H. Potter, Daniel S. Haviland, William Carey, Richard Mott, Hiram Minard, William Carpenter, Henry R. Hunter, Thomas Carman, Isaac Mekeel, Caleb W. Allis.

11. The following proposition, received from Butternuts

Quarterly Meeting, was referred to the Committee appointed this morning relative to the subject contained in the postscript to the Epistle from North Carolina:

“The large number of poor whites and blacks in some of the Southern States claimed the attention of the Meeting at this time, and it was concluded to suggest to the Yearly Meeting the propriety of its instructing each of the Monthly Meetings to appoint a solicitor to obtain voluntary contributions from Friends and others towards the establishment and maintenance of a Fund, to be under the care of the Yearly Meeting, to be used in improving the Educational advantages of these neglected classes.”

12. A proposition received from Purchase Quarterly Meeting was referred to the Finance Committee, viz:—

“In consideration of the practice of the Yearly Meeting of late years, of holding its sessions at different points within its limits, this Meeting is united in proposing to the Yearly Meeting that the payment by that Meeting of any portion of the travelling expenses of its members attending its sessions be discontinued.”

13. The following propositions, received from the Quarterly Meetings, were referred to the Representative Meeting, viz. :

From Nine Partners.—That no travelling expenses should be paid except to Committees appointed by the Meeting, and then only to such as are unable to pay their own; their labor being the work of the Church, and should be performed, as the ministry is, freely.

From Farmington.—As a Church is a body of believers in Christ, children of Friends, instead of being mem-

bers by birth or by request of parents, should be held as wards of the Church, and entitled to all the educational and other privileges now accorded to them, and should receive its constant, careful, and prayerful nurture. They should be received into full membership only on their own request, when able to perceive the purpose of the relation, on confession of their faith in Christ as their Saviour, and their promise to attend its service of worship, conform to its discipline, and contribute to its support.

From Scipio.—The subject of the use of Tobacco was introduced, and all our members were strongly urged to abstain therefrom in any form; and we forward this Minute to the Yearly Meeting by our Representatives, desiring that if way should open for it such action might be taken as the nature of the subject demands.

Adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

A meeting was held in the evening, on the subject of the Education of the Children of Friends.

Seventh day, morning; Sixth month, 2d.

14. The Minutes of last year were read.

15. The following proposition received from Nine Partners Quarterly Meeting was referred to the Finance Committee:

“ While we recognize the different branches of Missionary work which the Yearly Meeting is laboring to promote to be the work of the Church, yet funds for such purposes should always be voluntarily contributed. Therefore, we

would suggest that the Yearly Meeting take early and efficient measures to enlighten all its subordinate Meetings with reference to the various objects for which moneys are required, believing that the necessary funds would be more promptly and satisfactorily raised in this way ; and that the Yearly Meeting take measures to rid itself from any standing obligations in this direction."

16. Several propositions relative to the Quota received from the different Quarterly Meetings, in response to the Minute of this Meeting made last year, were also referred to the Finance Committee.

17. Thomas Carman was appointed Correspondent of Hector Monthly Meeting in place of Joshua Mekeel, deceased. Address: Mechlenburg, Schuyler Co., N. Y.

18. Daniel Titus having resigned his position as Trustee of the Simeon Loder Fund, David H. Lane and others were appointed to bring forward the name of a Friend to fill the vacancy.

Adjourned to 3½ o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon.

19. Our friend Edward C. Young attended this Meeting with a certificate from Wheatland Monthly Meeting, Ohio, endorsed by Goshen Quarterly Meeting.

20. The Committee appointed this morning to propose a Friend to act as Trustee of the Simeon Loder Fund in place of Daniel Titus resigned, presented the name of William F. Mott, which, being approved, he was appointed accordingly.

21. Henry Wood and Benjamin Tatham were appointed to bring forward the name of a Friend to serve as Correspondent of New York Yearly Meeting, in place of our esteemed friend William Wood, lately deceased.

22. The following proposition was received from Saratoga Quarterly Meeting:

“This Meeting was united in changing the name of our Quarterly Meeting from ‘Saratoga’ to ‘Glens Falls,’ which is referred to the Yearly Meeting.”

Upon consideration the change was approved, and that Meeting will henceforth be known as Glens Falls Quarterly Meeting, the Women’s Meeting concurring therein.

23. The same Quarterly Meeting presented a request that this Yearly Meeting when it adjourns, should do so to meet, in 1878, at Glens Falls—the Quarterly Meetings of Farmington, Scipio, Ferrisburgh, and Cornwall, in their reports approving of the proposition. The subject was referred to the joint consideration of the Representatives to the men’s and women’s meeting, now in attendance, with directions to report at a future session.

24. The Treasurer of the Educational Fund presented his report, which was approved.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

The receipts and disbursements from the Educational Fund, during the past year, have been as follows:

Balance on hand last year.....	\$379 59
By interest received from Educational Fund.....	1,072 50
“ “ “ Loder Fund.....	805 00
	\$2,257 09

The disbursements have been, by the direction of the Committee appointed by the Yearly Meeting to appropriate the income of this fund..... \$2,320 00

Making a balance due Treasurer.....\$62 91

The amount of this Fund and the investments are the same as reported last year.

This Fund has been made up from several funds which were consolidated under the name of the "Educational Fund," in 1866. The securities were, and are now, in the names of different Treasurers. I would suggest to the Yearly Meeting that Trustees be appointed, in whose names all the securities should be placed.

EDMUND TITUS,
Treasurer.

NEW YORK, 5th month, 24th, 1877.

William B. Collins, William H. Potter, and Jonathan Devol were appointed, in pursuance of the request of the Treasurer, to propose three Friends who should act as Trustees, and in whose joint names all the securities of this Fund should be held.

25. The following report of the Committee on the distribution of the Income of the Educational Fund was read and approved.

The Committee having charge of the appropriation of the Income of the Educational Fund, report :

The expenses of twenty-five children have been paid in full or in part, during the past year at Friends' Boarding School, at Union Springs, from the income of the Fund.

Amounting in all to.....\$2,320 00

For the Committee,

AUGUSTUS TABER.

NEW YORK, 5th month, 22d, 1877.

26. The Report of the Central Tract Committee being read, was satisfactory to the Meeting.

We believe that the field is open for much useful Christian work in the distribution of these paper messengers, bearing, as they often do, the truths of the Gospel to willing hearts, and we would encourage our members to enter into it and receive themselves a blessing.

The attention of Friends was called to the large stock of valuable tracts offered in the Repository at the Meeting House in New York.

The work was continued and the Committee directed to bring forward such names to constitute a new Committee as they might deem expedient.

Monthly meetings were directed to appoint Committees to act in conjunction with this Committee, forwarding the names and addresses to its Secretary, Robert I. Murray, 409 Broadway, New York.

The Report is as follows:

NEW YORK, Fifth Month, 31, 1877.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

The Central Tract Committee report that they have received during the past year from various sources, including balance on hand at last report..... \$621 86

And have expended for Tracts, Papers, etc..... 260 07

Leaving balance on hand..... \$361 79

The sales of Tracts during the year have been large, especially of Children's Tracts, of which two editions have been published since our last report, say 75,000 copies.

The Committee is now engaged in preparing a new series of Children's Tracts, which will be ready in the Fall.

They would call the attention of Friends to the stock of tracts now on hand and for sale at the Repository, consisting of

24,100	copies of our own publications.
32,600	“ “ Children’s Tracts.
4,042	“ “ Temperance Tracts.
3,419	“ “ Indiana Tracts.
5,472	“ “ Ashworth Tracts.
2,429	“ “ various kinds.

72,062 copies.

Reports have been received from *only* a few meetings, and the Committee request the Yearly Meeting to direct the appointment of Monthly Meeting Committees, and the forwarding the names and addresses to the Secretary.

The Committee is again called to mourn the loss of one of its members. Our beloved friend William Wood, who has for many years been actively engaged in this work, died in Fourth Month last. Although the oldest member of the Committee, he did not feel released from duty, and the care he extended over the publications and his faithfulness in attending to the orders received render his loss deeply felt. Who is ready to take up his mantle and assist in this work for the Lord?

On behalf of the Committee,

R. I. MURRAY, *Secretary*,
409 Broadway, N. Y.

Adjourned to 10 o’clock, Second-day morning.

A Meeting was held in the evening, at half-past seven o’clock, under the care of the Bible School and Missionary Board, on the subject of First-day Schools.

Second day, morning; Sixth month, 4th.

27. Our beloved friend James N. Richardson, a minister, attended this Meeting with a certificate from Lisburn Monthly Meeting, Ireland, dated 15th of 3d month, 1877, endorsed by Ulster Quarterly Meeting, and by the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders in Ireland, held in Dublin, 1st of 5th month, 1877, all expressing unity with him in his present religious engagement.

He was cordially welcomed by the meeting as a Messenger of the Lord in the love of the Gospel, and the desire expressed that he might find an open door among us, and experience the constant care and blessing of our Father in Heaven.

28. The Meeting entered into the consideration of the State of Society as presented in the Answers to the Queries, and, having read the first Query and the Answers thereto, Adjourned to 3½ o'clock in Joint Session.

Afternoon ; in Joint Session.

29. The Trustees of the Murray Fund presented their Report.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

In continuing to discharge the duties devolving upon them, the Trustees of the Murray Fund present the following report of their transactions for the past year.

Received for interest and dividends.....	\$3,182 33
For cash for books sold.....	109 55
For cash withdrawn, Brooklyn Savings Bank.....	1,000 00
Which, with balance on hand last year.....	153 50
Makes the total receipts.....	\$4,445 38

The Disbursements have been as follows :

For cash deposited in Brooklyn Savings Bank.....	\$1,000 00
For cash paid for papers, printing, binding, etc.....	342 45
For cash paid towards the relief of the deserving poor by appropriations or through the Committee on Charity.....	258 25
For cash paid in purchase of books for 11 First-day and Mission School Libraries.....	81 00
To the Colored Mission in West 30th Street.....	200 00
“ 21st Ward Mission Industrial School.....	150 00
“ Lincoln Mission, at Brooklyn.....	50 00

To the Children's Aid Society.....	\$150 00
" Five Points House of Industry.....	100 00
To Dr. Garner's Mission, East Tenn.....	200 00
To the Association for Improving Condition of the Poor, N. Y.....	100 00
" Freedmen, through Philadelphia Association of Friends.....	100 00
To Amasa Lord, for the insertion of short pithy arti- cles on the subject of Peace in different peri- odicals.....	100 00
To W. B. Orris, for like object.....	25 00
To the International Code Association.....	50 00
To the Samaritan Home for the Aged.....	50 00
To Hampton Normal and Industrial School.....	70 00
To Orphan Home, Port Royal, S. C. (colored).....	50 00
To Blackwell Female Infirmary.....	50 00
To the Howard Mission, N. Y.....	100 00
To assist establishment Schools, N. C., through Allen Jay	100 00
To Wilson Industrial School.....	50 00
To Colored Home, N. Y.....	50 00
To N. Y. Ear Infirmary	50 00
To the Working Women's Protective Union	50 00
To Berea College, Ky.....	50 00
To Demilt Dispensary.....	50 00
To Industrial School, Richmond, Va.....	50 00
To Bible and Fruit Mission.....	50 00
To American Educational Society (colored), at Brook- lyn	25 00
To Female Christian Home, N. Y.....	25 00
To Howard Colored Orphan Asylum, Brooklyn	43 75
To Colored Mission School, Poughkeepsie	25 00
To Female Employment Society, N. Y.....	25 00
To Orthopædic Dispensary.....	25 00
To the Home in West 4th Street, N. Y.....	25 00
To Home for Training Young Girls, N. Y.....	25 00
To New York Port Society.....	25 00
To the Prison Association, N. Y.....	25 00
To the Training School for Nurses.....	25 00
To Rahway Sewing Society.....	25 00
To the Bar Room Mission, Baxter Street, N. Y....	25 00
To Girl's Lodging House, N. Y.....	25 00

To the Mexican Mission.....	\$25 00
To the Society for Ruptured and Crippled.....	25 00
To the Temperance Society, Flushing, L. I.....	15 00
To Charles B. Ray, Colored Missionary.....	15 00
To New York Diet Kitchen.....	10 00
To assist in circulation of "Olive Leaf".....	25 00
To cash part rent of safe, Park Bank.....	10 00
Which, with cash in hands of Treasurer.....	224 93
Makes	\$4,445 38

In addition to the above there has been received from the legacy of our friend David Sands, interest amount- ing to	\$350 00
Which, with balance on hand last year of.....	191 64
Amounts to.....	\$541 64

And there has been expended during the year in ac- cordance with the Will of the Donor.....	275 00
Leaving a balance of.....	\$266 64

The principal of the Fund amounts to \$50,000; of this amount \$45,100 is invested in mortgages on productive real estate in New York and Brooklyn, \$4,200 in Bank of New York Stock, and \$700 on deposit with Brooklyn Savings Bank.

The bonds and mortgages are taken in the joint names of all the Trustees. Examinations have been made from time to time to ascertain if any taxes or assessments were in arrears, and when recent loans have been made a survey of the property by a Committee of the Board, and policies of insurance in all cases taken as collateral. Interest on all the loans is paid promptly as it matures. At the close of each year a Committee is appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer and make an examination of the securities. The income of the Fund when received is deposited in Bank by the Treasurer in a separate account. The Trustees hold regular Monthly Meetings (except during the summer and early fall), four members constituting a quorum for the transaction of business, and except in cases of indisposition or absence from the city the Trustees are, almost without exception, all present.

During the year an edition of 1,000 copies of the "Power of

Religion," and a like number of the "Colored Americans," has been printed; both works have had a wide circulation through different channels.

The Trustees have endeavored to carry out the wishes of the several contributors to this Fund. The circulation of the "Power of Religion" and other works tending to the promotion of piety and virtue and the truth of Christianity, the education of the colored people, the civilization and instruction of the Indians, were leading features under the Will of Lindley Murray; and our friend William F. Mott requested that a considerable portion of the income of his Legacy should be applied to the circulation of publications designed to promote love and good-will among mankind and nations, by showing the unchristian character of all wars and fightings, by publishing original articles and reprinting old ones having this object in view. It will be noticed a considerable amount has been expended for these objects.

We have again been reminded of the uncertainty of life, in the sudden removal of our friend and associate William Wood. He had acted as a Trustee for nearly twenty years, and was an efficient member of the Board. He took a warm interest in the faithful administration of the Trust, and in his death we feel we have sustained a great loss. Although deprived of the companionship of our dear friend, we have an assurance that he was prepared for the solemn change.

It will devolve upon the Yearly Meeting to appoint a successor in his place in the Trust.

The present Trustees of the Board are:

William B. Collins, appointed in 1848.

Edmund H. Prior, appointed in 1855.

William R. Thurston, appointed in 1857.

Edward Tatum, appointed in 1861.

William F. Mott, appointed in 1867.

Edward Wood, appointed in 1875.

On behalf of the Trustees,

WILLIAM R. THURSTON, *Secretary*.

The efficient and satisfactory manner in which the Trustees have fulfilled their duty in the administration of this Fund was approved by the Meeting, and they were encouraged to continued exertions in relieving the desti-

tute and extending the benefit of the Fund in accordance with the will of the donors.

The death of our late friend William Wood was felt to be a loss not only to the Board, but also to the Society at large, with whom he had been so long identified, and whose interests he had so much at heart.

30. On nomination of the surviving members Robert I. Murray was appointed to fill the vacancy in the Board of Trustees.

31. The Report of the Trustees of the Yearly Meeting Boarding School, at Union Springs, was read and approved.

REPORT OF THE YEARLY MEETING BOARDING SCHOOL.

This School has been continued through the regular terms of the past year, and, in some particulars, with greater success than at any former period, including the uninterrupted health of those in attendance, the excellent order which has generally prevailed, the efficiency of the instruction, and the progress of the students. The buildings are greatly improved in their accommodations, and are now capable of receiving an increased number of boarders. Within the past three years, improvements have been completed on advantageous terms, amounting to \$9,000, partly through the appropriation by the Yearly Meeting, more largely by private donations, and to some extent by the earnings of the institution. Besides the additions to the buildings, it became necessary to improve the grounds, to provide new furniture in place of some which had been in use eighteen years, and to advance the character and usefulness of the School, that it might not fall behind the improvement in institutions of learning throughout the country. For securing all these objects it became necessary to incur debt, which would have been soon more than repaid had there been a full attendance. A large number of expected or promised students failed

to attend, making a difference of some thousands of dollars in receipts. The expected attendance required corresponding preparation and outlay, which was not met by the usual returns. The causes which led to this result are not likely to occur again; the expenses have been reduced, and the institution is now on a self-sustaining basis.

The number of students for the year has been 111, of whom 74 were boarders, and about three-fourths of these the children of Friends.

The actual current expenses of the past year have been \$7,824; the receipts \$6,849; leaving a deficiency of \$975.30. This deficiency has been increased, through the causes already mentioned, to \$1,435.30, mainly by new and necessary improvements, new furniture, permanent advertising, payment of interest on the \$1,500 fund, and influences growing out of the financial depression of the times.

In order to relieve the Yearly Meeting from any additional tax, this deficiency, which is the first that has occurred in the RUNNING EXPENSES during the past six years, has been fully provided for through the liberal assistance of several Friends in different parts of the Yearly Meeting, in the shape of subscriptions, to be returned, if desired, in tuition in instalments, thus increasing the attendance with but little increase of expense, and with several positive advantages.

The Committee of Managers desire to remark, in conclusion, that with the current debt thus provided for, the institution is now placed on a very satisfactory basis, and with the improved boarding accommodations and other facilities, and its general advanced character, it may be recommended to Friends and others as worthy of confidence.

On behalf of the Committee of Managers,

JONATHAN DEVOL.

32. In accordance with their suggestions Thomas Kimber was added to the number of Trustees, and the Treasurer of this Meeting was directed to pay to the Treasurer of the School the sum of \$500, that being the amount appropriated in 1875 towards the payment for permanent improvements.

[Trustees—John J. Thomas, Edward W. Herendeen,

Emmor Haines, James Wood, Jonathan Devol, John Pier-son, Thomas Kimber, Mary H. Thomas, Ann M. Haines, Rachel L. Pierson, Caleb W. Allis, Elias Thorne.]

33. The subject of the Education of the Children of Friends was felt to be one of great importance, and one which should claim increased attention among our members. It was concluded to appoint a committee whose duties should be—

1. To ascertain by direct inquiry what, if any, additional facilities are needed in any locality within our Yearly Meeting for the education of our children.

2. To receive applications from children or their parents for assistance in making use of these facilities; 1st. Home Schools; 2d. at Union Springs School; 3d. at Haverford College.

3. To act as a Central Committee on the subject of libraries and single books for individuals.

4. To assist in obtaining lecturers in towns not otherwise provided for, that our members may be enlightened in the knowledge of the day.

5. To co-operate with similar Committees of other Yearly Meetings as circumstances may require.

6. To arrange for an Annual Meeting on this subject during the week of the Yearly Meeting next year.

Henry Wood and others were appointed to nominate Friends to serve on this Committee.

34. The following carefully prepared and interesting Report of the Bible School and Missionary Board was read.

REPORT OF THE BIBLE SCHOOL AND MISSIONARY BOARD.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING.

We have continued to hold regular monthly Meetings the past year, making, with three special and two public Meetings, a total of seventeen (17) held during the year, all of which have been well attended.

The interest in these Meetings has decidedly increased, and all interested in our work have been cordially invited to meet with us.

At most of our Meetings the subject of *Bible Schools* has claimed attention, and we have endeavored to excite a more general interest in this important branch of our work.

Early in the year we appointed a *Bible School Committee*, having at least one member for each Quarterly Meeting willing to undertake to visit every school in the Quarter. Owing to unavoidable circumstances several have been unable to attend to this duty, but many schools have been visited, strengthened, and encouraged, while their special wants have been ascertained and supplied.

Westbury Quarter reports an increase of 1 School, 2 Bible Classes, 23 Teachers, and 226 Scholars. Our Committee reports: "In New York Meeting School the religious interest is increasingly manifested by the quiet earnestness shown in the lives and conversation of many scholars. The large increase in numbers attending the school has been accomplished principally through the efforts of the scholars, thus showing their own interest by inviting others to join the school. Class prayer-meetings have been held to the satisfaction and comfort of those concerned.

The *Mission School*, 41st St., is in a flourishing condition. Meetings for women, known as Mothers' Meetings, have been much blessed. Meetings for religious worship are held First-day evening, Prayer meetings Fourth-day evening, and a sewing school Seventh-day morning.

Brooklyn Meeting has a flourishing school, and all seem much interested; there are two adult Bible Classes.

We take the following from the report of one visiting Committee. "The Lincoln Mission School (Brooklyn) is deeply in-

teresting; the room was full, there being 151 present. There is a large class of men, and another of women.

“There are three evening Meetings held every week at the Mission, which are crowded, many have been converted and four have joined our Meeting.” *Flushing* has no Bible School which properly reports to this Board, although several Friends are engaged in the Colored Mission, which was once more exclusively under their care, and reported to us.

There is an earnest Bible Class connected with the Meeting, and “its Committee felt it a privilege to share in the earnest, prayerful feeling which prevailed at the time of their visit, and could not doubt that a blessing would rest on the little company who there meet together to search the Scriptures, under the guidance of their Divine Author.”

Cornwall, owing we believe to their failure to report fully, shows a loss of one (1) School, 6 Teachers, and 23 Scholars. An interesting school has lately been opened at Butternville near New Paltz, commencing with a very few four weeks since, and now numbering about 50 scholars. Old and young attend, and the school promises much good.

Nine Partners.—The Committee to visit schools, report: There are within our limits eight (8) Meetings, all of which have either a school or Bible Class, or both, excepting Hudson. There the numbers are small, but one family of children attend the Meeting; * * still the Committee have not given up the hope of having a *Bible Class* there.

At *Quaker Hill* there is an interesting School held in the Meeting House, and the manifestation of a general interest among the members of the Meeting. The School is intermitted in the winter, and during that time a Bible Class is held at different Friends' houses, thus drawing in others, some not members of our Society, who would not otherwise attend.

At *Arthursburg* there is a Bible Class held at the close of the Meeting on First-day, the Meeting generally attending.

At the *Creek* there is an interesting School held in the Meeting House before Meeting; a Bible Class at the same time; the interest in both increasing. At *Stanfordville* there is a good School and Bible Class held in the Meeting House. They have weekly Teachers' Meetings. There is here a body of active young workers, scholars in the School, between the ages of 12 and 20. They are interested in Missionary work, the older members co-operating. They have held two public meetings, to

which speakers were invited; one in aid of the County Missionary, the other for the benefit of the Maryland School, supported by the Quarterly Meeting.

At *Nine Partners* there is a large School held in the Meeting House, also an interesting Bible Class held at the same time; all working harmoniously together. There is also a Mission School. The School at *Poughkeepsie* does not vary very much from former years, and the interest appears to be maintained. Weekly Teachers' Meetings continue to be held. The international or uniform lessons are used in all the Schools.

From *Purchase*, *Ferrisburg*, *Scipio*, and *Farmington*, we have only the usual statistical reports. *Saratoga*, the Committee say, "In addition to our report on Bible Schools, we may add that Meetings for worship and religious teaching have been held in School-houses in various places. In two instances they were held continuously for several weeks; many were induced to accept Christ as their Saviour, and several have been added to our Church. In each of these places Meetings are held two evenings in each week, with a prospect of this being continued indefinitely.

"In our efforts to fulfill our mission in the various fields and calls for service around us, we have many evidences of the Lord's readiness to bless our instrumentality, however feeble, if but rendered in His name."

Butternuts had four (4) Schools last year; one (1) has been transferred to *Scipio*, and one (1) new School has been opened. The Bible School Committee have worked diligently in this Quarter, and have given us interesting reports from the Schools. In some localities the work is largely of a Missionary order. One Superintendent says, "We hope to draw in some new scholars this year, but it will depend largely upon the amount of Missionary labor we spend in some families. The father and mother of some children attending school, who had sunk very low in public estimation, were a few weeks ago hopefully converted. The visit we made them, when inviting the children to come, and the religious labor with them then and since, seems to have been the turning-point; and this alone richly pays us for all the labor we have spent, and encourages us to work on."

West Branch.—We are told that the influence of this School has decidedly changed the appearance of the place on First day; that the boys, instead of lounging around, fishing, etc., are en-

gaged with their lessons and library books. *Westmoreland* School is gaining in influence, and reports "nearly all the members of our School who were not already Christians, have been converted this winter."

We have the usual statistical reports from the Quarterly Meetings, a summary of which is annexed.

The following table shows the *increase* and *decrease* in the number of scholars attending school, by Quarterly Meetings, compared with last year.

	This Year.	Last Year.	Increase.	Decrease.
Westbury.....	596	370	226	..
Purchase.....	411	423	..	12
Cornwall.....	618	641	..	23
Nine Partners.....	283	343	..	60
Ferrisburg.....	149	163	..	14
Farmington.....	289	306	..	17
Saratoga.....	310	206	104	..
Butternuts.....	190	171	19	..
Scipio.....	346	334	12	..
Total.....	3,192	2,957	361	126

Showing a net *increase* of 235 scholars. The increase in the number of Schools is 4, and of Teachers 18.

We gather from our Committee, and from the regular statistical reports, that the interest in Bible Schools is steadily increasing throughout the Yearly Meeting; yet we feel that, with the wonderful progress made by the religious world generally in the Sabbath School cause, and the increased attention given to it by our Society, that we had a right to expect greater results, and that we have fallen short of the mark.

In the love of the Gospel we urge upon all Superintendents, Teachers, and others engaged in Bible School work, greater dedication, more prayerful preparation of the lesson, more thorough organization of the Schools, and systematic visitation among the families of those we would gather into the School.

We would impress strongly the great benefit to be derived from holding weekly Teachers' Meetings, for the purpose of considering the wants of the School and the best manner of supplying them, and for the united preparation of the lesson.

Mission Work among the Indians.—We have received interesting reports from time to time from the Mission School at Darlington, Indian Territory, known as the “Cheyenne and Arapahoe Manual Labor and Boarding School.” The building was extensively remodelled during the past summer, and now accommodates 115. The interest of the Indians in the School has been awakened, and the *Cheyennes*, who at first despised its advantages and left it wholly to the *Arapahoes*, whom they regarded somewhat contemptuously, are now among its warmest supporters. With proper accommodations, the School could readily be increased to 500.

Lucy D. Milcs writes in regard to the supplies sent by us: “Without them we could scarcely have carried on the School.” One of its teachers writes us: “The School, as a whole, is advancing rapidly in literature as well as manual labor.”

The most interesting feature of the past year was the organization in ninth month of the “*Cheyenne and Arapahoe Indian Mission Sabbath School*,” consisting of the Mission children and a class formed of Indians from the camp.

The instruction of the latter was commenced by holding up the Bible, and telling them it was a *letter* from the Great Spirit to us and to them; that the letter told us how we should live so as to enjoy the greatest amount of happiness here, and to be forever happy in eternity, etc., etc., adding that if they would come every Sabbath we would teach them from that good *letter*. They quickly expressed their willingness and anxiety to hear, and since their interest has been unabated.

The following incident is one of many related showing the impression made upon older Indians: “A few Sabbaths ago, just before our School closed, ‘Big Horn,’ a Cheyenne chief, said he would like to speak a few words. He had been very much pleased with what he had *seen* and heard, with *one* exception: that until recently he had believed in war, but *that good letter* said it was wrong, that it displeased the Great Spirit, and he believed it, and was trying as fast as he understood it to obey its teachings. The thing he did not like was *this*: he had that day noticed soldier-stripes on the coats of a few of the school-boys; this made him feel bad to see their children wearing anything that reminded him of war; he felt as though they were taking up a new life, and should “throw away” the old.

The *Educational Care* of the *Freedmen*, specially committed to us by the Yearly Meeting, has received largely of our time

and means. Being in correspondencē and full accord with the Missionary Board of N. C. in regard to work among the Freedmen, we determined, early in the year, to do as much as our means would allow, or we could raise funds for, among the Freedmen in that State, and particularly in localities where Friends could have an oversight of the work. With this view we arranged, through the N. C. Missionary Board, for ten schools, from eight of which we have received regular monthly reports. We take the following from the report of the N. C. Missionary Board: "The order in these Schools has been for the most part good, and the literary advancement satisfactory and encouraging. Both parents and children have manifested much interest in the religious part of the work; all the Schools were opened each morning by reading a portion of Scripture, and this was followed in most of the Schools by other devotional exercises—sometimes vocal prayer, explaining to the children the Scripture read, repeating passages and texts—the children learning to repeat many of these themselves. All the teachers engaged in these Schools acknowledge that they themselves have been blessed, and that while the work calls for much labor and patience, yet it has been a pleasant service for Him who has called them to enter the field and labor for the religious and literary advancement of the human race. In looking back over our work of the past six months we see and realize the guiding hand of Providence, and most humbly acknowledge that His blessing has rested upon all our efforts; and while we desire to ascribe all the honor and all the praise to Him who alone is worthy, yet we desire to return our thanks and most grateful acknowledgments to the Missionary Board of N. Y. Yearly Meeting, who have responded so promptly and so liberally to our many requests."

The *School at Chula, Va.*, has been continued, and so interested are the colored people that they propose building a new school-house during the summer, to accommodate the large numbers desiring to attend school, who are now prevented for want of accommodation.

At *Clover, Va.*, a very interesting Missionary work is being carried on by our teacher, Mary E. Miles, formerly a Missionary to Africa. She is successfully conducting a day School of over 100 pupils, and a Sabbath School of 175, Prayer Meetings twice a week, Mothers' Meetings, Sewing Meetings, Temperance Meetings, engages extensively in pastoral work, visits the sick

of her Mission, and has lately organized a Sabbath School of 100 members at Scotsburg, five miles distant, which she has engaged to visit every two weeks. In her own School she reports twenty-one conversions during the past winter, and says of her school: "More than half the number are on the Lord's side." Last winter, to enable her to furnish articles of diet to her sick, she purchased from her own means a cow, which is known as "the Missionary cow," and now desires to procure a horse to enable her to more readily visit her people, who are very much scattered. The School is about closing for the season, but it is proposed to go right on with the Missionary work during the summer. Our Friend, Cynthia Anthony, has continued her School at *Andrews Grove, N. C.*, and we have reason to believe that not alone have the colored people been greatly blessed, but the School has had a decided influence for good in the neighborhood. This is especially the case in regard to Temperance, which has been a prominent feature in the work here. In connection with the School is a Band of Hope, numbering 40, and a Temperance Union, with an adult membership of 67. We annex a summary of the statistical reports, as received monthly, from 11 Freedmen's Schools. In addition we have had two Schools in N. C. and one in Maryland, with a united membership of about 125, from which, however, we have not received full reports, making in all 14 Schools—being a small proportion of the number we desired to assist, but all our means would allow.

The Treasurer's report shows the cost of these Schools, and amounts received from various sources for their support. In addition to the amounts credited in that account, Po'keepsie Missionary Board has supported one of our Schools in N. C. at a cost of \$42, and Nine Partners' Quarter one School in Maryland, \$50, and Brooklyn Meeting School has contributed \$10 per month towards the support of the School at Chula, Va. Among our various Schools, tracts have been largely circulated, particularly those upon the subject of Temperance, this question being urged upon and claiming much attention from the teachers of most of our Freedmen's Schools.

We are indebted to the American Bible Society for grants of Bibles and Testaments made at various times in response to our requests. These have been circulated both among the Freedmen and in connection with our Home Mission work.

At a very full Meeting of our Board, held since the opening

of the Yearly Meeting, we were united in asking an appropriation from the Yearly Meeting of \$1,000 to enable us to carry on the extensive work opened before us.

On behalf of the Board,

ROBERT M. FERRIS, Secretary.

NEW YORK, 6th month, 1st, 1877.

FREEDMEN'S SCHOOLS,

UNDER CARE OF BIBLE SCHOOL AND MISSION-
ARY BOARD.

Day Schools.

Number of Schools.....	11
“ Teachers	12
“ Pupils.....	515
Average attendance.....	377
Number over 16 years old.....	111
Number in alphabet.....	33
“ who spell and read.....	216
“ of advanced scholars.....	269

Sabbath Schools.

Number of Schools.....	7
“ Teachers.....	31
“ Pupils.....	564
Average attendance.....	375
Number over 16 years old.....	153

In connection with many Schools are Temperance Unions and Bands of Hope. Prayer Meetings and Sewing Meetings are also held.

We have two Schools in North Carolina and one in Maryland in addition to the above, from which no statistical report has been received.

ROBERT M. FERRIS,
Secretary.

STATISTICAL REPORT—BIBLE SCHOOLS AND MISSIONARY BOARD.

Name of the Quarterly Meeting.	Total Number of Schools and Bible Classes.	Number of Bible Schools.	Number of Bible Classes.	Number of Mission Schools.	Number of Teachers.	Number of Scholars.	Number enrolled.	Average Attendance.	Number of Members of the Society of Friends.	Average Number of Months held or proposed to be held.	Number of Bibles and Testaments.	Number of Teachers' Meetings held.	Number of Volumes in Library.	Amount contributed by the Schools for purposes.	Number of Additions to the Membership of Bible Schools.	Number of Conversions through the Influence of the Bible Schools.
Westbury.....	9	3	4	..	29	263	189	56	11	205	2	1173	\$83 35	1	1	Several.
"	..	..	..	..	52	333	218	20	11	261	2	1405	..	..	..	Many.
Purchase.....	7	6	..	..	26	285	188	80	10	149	..	570	10 00	..	..	2
"	..	..	..	..	9	126	85	4	12	100	..	460	..	..	..	Several.
Cornwall.....	12	8	2	..	45	488	254	266	{ 8 for 12 } mos., 2 } for 6. }	288	2	1178	8 35	38, through this and other instrument	8, and 25 thro' this and other instrumentation.	..
"	..	..	..	2	4	130	80	20	12	40	..	140	20 00	..	1	1
Nine Partners.....	7	6	..	..	29	288	140	90	{ 5 for 12 } mos., 2 } for 11. }	183	2	1133	38 33	..	1	..
"	6	5	1	1	8	45	30	9	12	50	..	600	10 00	..	..	..
Ferrisburg.....	8	8	..	..	14	149	111	112	10	153	..	406	60 00	..	..	..
Farmington.....	..	..	..	..	25	289	197	145	12	193	..	377	20 65	..	..	..
Saratoga.....	6	4	..	..	21	145	156	130	9	40	1	..	18 00	..	..	{ Many, but only partly attributed to this influence.
"	..	..	..	2	11	115	78	51	9	56	..	75	2 50	10, partly thro' this influence.	10, partly thro' this influence.	..
Battertons.....	4	4	..	..	15	190	113	74	{ 3 for 12 } mos., 1 } for 6. }	55	..	172	..	..	2	..
"	..	..	..	..	20	246	238	206	{ 7 for 12 } mos., 2 } for 10. }	207	1	273	74 00	..	..	Preparing the way for many.
Scipio.....	11	8	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total.....	79	52	10	8	291	3192	2077	1263	2040	10	10	..	\$365 18	..	..	..

ROBERT M. FERRIS, *Secretary.*

35. The attention of the Board to the very interesting subject under their care was satisfactory to the Meeting. They were continued, with the addition of Thomas Kimber in place of William Thompson, removed. Erastus Andrews “ “ “ Cornelius Ransome, “ Susan Birdsall “ “ “ Adelaide Hallock, “ and Ellen L. Congdon, Phebe H. Metford, and Mary S. Kimber from the Meeting at large.

The appropriation called for in the Report was referred to the Finance Committee.

[Committee, from the Meeting at large :

Robert M. Ferris, William H. Ladd, Edmund Titus, Wm. Thomas Willis, Thomas W. Ladd, Henry Dickinson, Alexander M. Purdy, Silas A. Underhill, L. Murray Ferris, Jr., J. William Peckham, David S. Taber, Samuel Parsons, Ruth S. Murray, Anna F. Taber, Grace Dickinson, Caroline E. Ladd, Sarah Titus, Eliza S. Underhill, Mary K. Murray, Sarah H. Bowne, Amelia E. Page, Mary Anna T. Ferris, Martha S. Ferris, Carrie H. Lawrie, Elizabeth R. Haviland, Ellen L. Congdon, Phebe H. Metford, Mary S. Kimber.

From the Quarterly Meetings :

<i>Westbury :</i>	Augustus Taber, Thomas Kimber, Mary S. Wood, Hannah P. Ladd.
<i>Purchase :</i>	James Wood, Richard S. Collins, Adeline Burling, Emily Underhill.
<i>Cornwall :</i>	Henry R. Hunter, Erastus Andrews, Emeline C. Birdsall, Susan Birdsall.
<i>Nine Partners :</i>	Nathan G. Swift, Elmer D. Gildersleve, Mary M. Ferris, Mary G. Underhill.
<i>Ferrisburg :</i>	Samuel Miles, Clarke Stevens, Naomi Purington, Achsah Hazard.

<i>Farmington :</i>	Willets D. Herendeen, Alfred Haines, Mary Jane Irish, Emily Haines.
<i>Butternuts :</i>	Nathan L. Hakes, Ira Gardner, Cynthia Adams, Sarah N. Hunt.
<i>Saratoga :</i>	Jonathan Devoll, William Carey, Eliza Haviland, Mary Jane Weaver.
<i>Scipio :</i>	Chauncey B. Thorne, Isaac Mekeel, Mary H. Thomas, Amelia Anna Thorne.]

36. The Committee appointed in relation to the subject referred to in the postscript to the Epistle from North Carolina presented the following Report, which was fully approved, and our Subordinate Meetings earnestly advised to give attention to the call for individual service and for funds contained in it.

All funds for this purpose should be sent, specially endorsed, to David S. Taber, 714 Water Street, New York, Treasurer of the Bible School and Missionary Board.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

The Committee, after a full consideration of the appeal for assistance from North Carolina, are united in advising that this Yearly Meeting request its Missionary Board to appoint a Special Committee to have charge of this most important work, and to co-operate with the Baltimore Association, as well as with similar Committees of other Yearly Meetings in such service.

They recommend that the Treasurer of the Missionary Board be instructed to keep separate from its general funds all subscriptions that may be specially made for this purpose, and to apply them, through the channels, and in such form, as the donors may elect.

They further advise that the Yearly Meeting should earnestly call upon its members to contribute liberally to the support of this mission work in North Carolina, in accordance with the request of that Yearly Meeting, contained in the Supplement to its Annual Epistle, which we recommend should be sent

down to our Subordinate Meetings for their information and action in regard thereto.

On behalf of the Committee, { ALDEN SAMPSON,
ANNA W. DICKINSON.

SIXTH MONTH, 2d, 1877.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning, in Joint Session.

Third day, morning; Sixth month, 5th.

37. The Committee appointed last year, relative to a General Conference of the Yearly Meetings, presented the following report, which was accepted and the Committee discharged :

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

The Committee appointed last year to meet in General Conference with Committees of other Yearly Meetings, request to be released, as the conditions on which the holding of said Conference depended were not fulfilled.

On behalf of the Committee,
HENRY WOOD.

NEW YORK, 6th mo., 2d, 1877.

38. A Communication was received from a Committee of Indiana Yearly Meeting, on the subject of Foreign Missions, which, upon consideration, was referred to the following Committee: Henry Wood, Thomas W. Ladd, Mary Thorne, Caroline E. Ladd, David H. Lane, Thomas Kimber, Stephen Wood, Mary K. Murray, Mary M. Ferris, William H. Potter, Rebecca Collins.

39. The Report of the Committee on General Meetings was as follows:

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

In reporting their work of another year, the Committee on General Meetings again meet with the difficulty of attempting to measure spiritual work by statistics.

We find by reports to this Committee from our Quarterly Meetings, that 198 have joined our branch of the Church, besides many who have united with other denominations, and some report several converted who are not yet decided where they will make their church home.

In the locality referred to in our last Report, where there had been no meeting for twenty-five years, the work has gone on and thirty have been added to membership with our Society during the year.

Another Meeting, which was revived last year, when it was thought to be almost time for it to be laid down, has, during the year, grown in interest and membership, and a new and commodious meeting-house has been built. At still another place where there had formally been an indulged meeting, the members had become so few and weak that it had ceased to be held. There was a revival, through the influence of a series of meetings, and about thirty persons converted and reclaimed. Some of these are looking to our branch of the Church as their Christian home. A flourishing Bible School has been established in connection with this Meeting, and it is largely attended.

From every place we receive the same testimony of the blessed results of this work, the indifferent have been aroused, the weak and timid encouraged, the wavering settled, all classes of Christians strengthened, and many sinners turned from being aliens to become the children of the Lord.

Frequently we hear the expression, "What would have been our condition had there been no revival in our Church? May the work be continued and the Lord bless the labors of the Committee."

Most of the Quarterly and some of the Monthly Meetings, have Committees to carry on this work, and have proved efficient helpers in the harvest field.

We are united in requesting the Yearly Meeting to appoint a Committee to render aid whenever needed, and that Quarterly Meetings be instructed to appoint Committees to co-operate therein.

On behalf of the Committee,
EMMOR HAINES, *Clerk.*

NEW YORK, 6th mo., 4th, 1877.

The Report was satisfactory to the Meeting, and the blessing which has attended their labors felt to be a cause for thankfulness in the Church.

The work was continued, and the following Friends appointed to nominate a suitable Committee for the ensuing year: L. Murray Ferris, Hannah P. Ladd, and others.

40. The Committee on the Condition of Cornwall Quarterly Meeting presented the following report:

The Committee appointed in the case of Cornwall Quarterly Meeting report that most of their number have visited Cornwall, and given considerable attention to the object of their appointment. They are united in the belief that more labor is advisable, and would propose an addition to their number, or the appointment of a new committee.

On behalf of the Committee,

EDWARD TATUM.

NEW YORK, 5th mo., 4th, 1877.

The Committee was encouraged to continue their attention to the service as the Lord may give them ability. Augustus Taber and Anna F. Taber were added to the Committee. [Committee: Joseph Flagler, Edward Tatum, Willets D. Herendeen, Daniel H. Hallock, John J. Thomas, Augustus Taber, Abby W. Underhill, Eliza H. Lane, Mary G. Collins, Anna F. Taber.]

41. The report of the Committee on Temperance was read. It was approved, and the work continued under the care of the Committee, Charles W. Lawrence and Henrietta Titus being substituted for David S. Taber and Caroline E. Ladd, released at their request.

The appropriation asked for by the Committee was referred to the Finance Committee.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

The Committee on Temperance has given much attention to the subject, and its members in different parts of the Yearly Meeting have been enabled to labor with perseverance and success. The opportunity widens as the work progresses, and the deepening interest in the subject throughout the community offers additional facilities to our members, by united work with others, for rescuing those in danger and saving the lost. Increased attention has been given to temperance organizations among children, in the formation of juvenile temperance societies and "Bands of Hope." In many of the Bible Schools, as reported to the Committee, the subject of abstaining from alcoholic poisons has been prominently introduced, and the reports give encouraging accounts of faithful adherence to the pledge by children and young persons. Some striking cases were mentioned where attempts to allure quite young children and to induce them to break their pledge were faithfully resisted. In some instances this faithfulness resulted in the awakening of those who were older, and in rescuing them from a downward course towards drunkenness.

Additional evidence continues to accumulate on the pernicious influence of the use of tobacco, not only on the physical health, but in creating an appetite for strong drink, and the Committee has labored for suppressing the practice.

As an efficient means for promoting the work of the Committee, tracts and temperance publications have been widely distributed. One distant Preparative Meeting reports over fourteen thousand pages of tracts distributed by its members; and individuals in other places, without specifying the number, have scattered them by thousands.

Several of the local committees have reported that all the members of their particular or Monthly Meetings have signed the temperance pledge. In one instance the only exception was that of a Friend ninety-five years old, who thought wine necessary at so advanced an age, but who the past year gave it up from a sense of duty, with the result of improved health.

The Committee feel deeply impressed with the importance of interesting the young in early adopting habits of total abstinence, to fix the mind, while easily impressed, with this great truth, which may have a controlling influence through their lives. It is believed that if Friends generally would employ the opportunities around them, they would become the means of

securing many from habits which otherwise would result in their debasement and destruction.

As one of the many interesting cases given in the reports, the following is copied from one of them: "There are two Bands of Hope in our Quarterly Meeting which belong exclusively to the children, as they preside over and conduct their meetings. The children are active in getting older ones to sign the pledge. In one instance a little boy nine years old tried to induce his grandfather to sign with him the pledge, but without effect. He was so exercised about it that he got up in the night and went to his grandfather's bed and said, 'Grandfather, God has sent me to tell thee that thee *must* sign the pledge, and I have one here.' The old man no longer refused, and is now an earnest worker in the cause. In another instance, the prayers of a little boy for an intemperate father were overheard by him, and caused his conversion just a week before God required his soul—verifying the text, 'A little child shall lead them.' We have pledges also against tobacco and profanity, which most of the children sign." Bands of Hope in other places also contain the triple pledge against alcohol, tobacco, and profanity.

The Committee have felt the want, during the past year, of the pecuniary aid formerly afforded, and without further assistance from the Yearly Meeting the work must necessarily be much retarded. We are united in asking an appropriation of five hundred dollars.

On behalf of the Committee,

JOHN J. THOMAS,
ELIZA S. UNDERHILL.

[Committee, from the Meeting at Large: Rebecca Collins, Mary K. Murray, Hannah P. Ladd, Isaac Titus, Henrietta Titus, Eliza S. Underhill, John L. Barton, Seneca H. Stevens, Benedict J. Carpenter, Mary G. Underhill, John J. Thomas, Alexander M. Purdy, Henry H. Swift.

From the Quarterly Meetings:

<i>Westbury:</i>	Charles W. Lawrence, Henrietta Titus.
<i>Purchase:</i>	Richard T. Collins, Emily E. Underhill.

<i>Nine Partners :</i>	James M. Haviland, Elizabeth R. Haviland.
<i>Cornwall :</i>	Thomas H. Burgess, Sarah C. Wood.
<i>Saratoga :</i>	William P. Angell, Eliza Haviland.
<i>Ferrisburg :</i>	William H. Dean, Mary S. Knowles.
<i>Scipio :</i>	George M. Sisson, Mary H. Thomas.
<i>Farmington :</i>	Jesse H. Haines, Ann M. Haines.
<i>Butternuts :</i>	Nathan C. Hakes, Sarah N. Hunt.]

42. The Report of the Committee on Peace was received and read.

*Tenth Annual Report of the Committee on Peace of New York
Yearly Meeting.*

During the decade of the Peace Association of Friends of America, great progress has been made towards permanent peace. Though the roar of cannon is heard on the Danube and in Asiatic Turkey, yet the triumphs of the principle of arbitration in the Geneva award, the settlement of the Presidential question without violence, the effort of President Hayes to restore peace and harmony in our country by strictly pacific principles, the success of the Indian peace policy, and the recent action of prominent men in the British Parliament, are unmistakable evidences of progress in public opinion, and that there is a better way than war to settle disputes *in nations or between them.*

The Secretary of our Peace Association in his last report, from which the following is an abstract, says: "I think our Association has done its part in this work, of awakening thought, directing attention, and producing action in this direction."

During the ten years since our organization, we have put in circulation about *twenty-four millions* of pages of peace matter, including books, tracts, and the Messenger of Peace.

Our lectures have stirred the hearts of thousands with the sublime truths of the principles of Peace. During the past year we have sent out from this office 2,065 bound volumes, aggregating 278,600 pages, of tracts 1,378,614 pages, including the Messenger of Peace—total amount of pages 3,763,214.

Wm. C. Hubbard and Francis L. Hackett have delivered many lectures to large audiences the past year, many of them at seats of learning; and, from notices in local papers, I judge with good results."

He also adds that, if the funds of our Association would allow, we ought by all means to send an able lecturer through the principal cities in the Southern States, during the coming autumn and winter. The field is fully ready for the seed-sowing, and none would be more kindly received than Friends. A large part of our work is seed-sowing, the fruits of which may not all appear at once, but we are not without evidences that our efforts are not in vain. He continues: "The demands of this work are so great that I need not remind you of the fact that it cannot be carried forward without funds."

We subjoin the Treasurer's statement for the year ending 5th Month, 10th, 1877, and our Secretary's statement for the year ending 5th Month, 17th, 1877.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

1876.	5 Mo., 2,	Balance on hand.....	\$1,669 54
	9 " 9,	Western Y. M.....	600 00
	9 " 9,	Ohio "	500 00
	9 " 19,	Indiana "	500 00
	10 " 27,	Donation, P. C. Garrett.....	100 00
1877.	1 " 29,	Baltimore Y. M.....	250 00
	4 " 24,	Indiana "	410 05

Total receipts.....	\$4,029 59
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Paid out on orders of the Secretary, on account of Agents, including travelling expenses:

Salary of Secretary and Assistants.....	\$2,156 64
On account for publications.....	1,433 17
Office rent.....	40 00

	\$3,629 81
Cash to balance.....	399 78

M. M. WHITE, *Treasurer.*

Orders nearly covering this amount have since been paid, so that the balance in the hands of the Treasurer is now very small.

SECRETARY'S STATEMENT.

Received on general Peace account since last report of Treasurer for office rent.....	\$40 00
For office assistant.....	100 00
From sundry persons on life Membership.....	166 01
Donations and sale of publications.....	
Total.....	\$306 01

Paid out, office rent.....	\$40 00
Office assistant.....	100 00
Postage, coal, lights, etc.....	279 23
Due me to balance.....	\$113 22

MESSENGER OF PEACE ACCOUNT.

Received from Treasurer and on subscription.....	954 27
Paid out for printing, postage, etc.....	932 45
Cash to balance.....	\$21 82

Three thousand and nine hundred copies of the Messenger of Peace are printed monthly.

The Secretary continues :

I believe the Divine blessing has rested upon our labors. The cause is the Lord's. Let us labor and pray that still more may be accomplished next year.

Respectfully submitted,

DANIEL HILL, *Sec.*

NEW VIENNA, 5th, 21st, 1877.

The Committee recommend the usual appropriation to the Peace Association the present year, \$500.

On behalf of the Committee,

JONATHAN DEVOL,
EMMOR HAINES,
W. H. LADD,
CHAUNCEY B. THORNE.

The Report was satisfactory, and the work continued.

Thomas H. Leggett and others were appointed to bring

forward names of Friends to serve on this Committee the ensuing year.

The proposed appropriation was referred to the Finance Committee.

Adjourned to 3½ o'clock.

Afternoon.

43. The Committee on the Nomination of an Educational Committee proposed the following names, which were approved, and the Friends appointed to this service agreably to the minute made yesterday.

The Committee to propose Friends to constitute the Educational Committee were united in presenting the following :

Augustus Taber,	James Wood,
John J. Thomas,	Caroline E. Ladd,
Ruth S. Murray.	

<i>Westbury :</i>	Ellen L. Congdon, Wm. H. S. Wood.
<i>Purchase :</i>	David H. Lane, Abby W. Underhill.
<i>Nine Partners :</i>	Alfred A. Underhill, Mary Elizabeth Haviland.
<i>Ferrisburg :</i>	Samuel Miles, Abby J. Morrison.
<i>Farmington :</i>	Willets D. Herendeen, Mary Atwater.
<i>Butternuts :</i>	Sarah N. Hunt, Joseph S. Knowles.
<i>Saratoga :</i>	William Carey, Mary B. Mott.
<i>Cornwall :</i>	Wm. H. Clark, Mary H. Burgess.
<i>Scipio :</i>	Henry Hartshorne, Hannah Mekeel.
	On behalf of the Committee,
	HENRY WOOD.

44. The minutes of the Representative Meeting were read. The attention of this body to the subjects referred to it was satisfactory to the Meeting.

45. The Report of the Indian Committee to the Representative Meeting was interesting and encouraging. We

believe that the condition of the tribes under the care of Friends is steadily improving, and that the influence of the Christian teachers among them is also blessed in the increased attention paid to Meetings for Worship, Bible Schools, etc. The efforts that the Indians themselves are making to advance in civilization is a cause for great encouragement to all who are interested in the work.

46. The subject was continued under the care of the Representative Meeting about to be appointed, and the desire expressed that, as far as opportunity presented, especial attention should be given to spreading the truths of the Gospel among this interesting class of our fellow-men.

The Treasurer of this Meeting was directed to pay to the Treasurer of the Associated Yearly Meetings Committee \$340, that being the amount called for this year under our agreement with them for this purpose.

REPORT OF THE INDIAN COMMITTEE.

TO THE REPRESENTATIVE MEETING:

Since our last report, our Executive Committee has continued to give attention to the interest of the Indians under Friends' care, and we are glad to be able to report a very favorable condition of affairs generally in the Central Superintendency.

We extract from the Superintendents' and Agents' reports and from other sources, the following information: "The Indians remain quiet, manifest good feeling, and seem hopeful; some have selected locations and moved on them, with the view of settling permanently; they are more in earnest in making improvements and raising large crops this spring than in previous years; houses are gradually taking the place of the wigwam or lodge; much interest is taken in kitchen gardening, and in many ways they are giving encouraging signs of improvement." Dr. Nicholson, the Superintendent, writes: "I am fully convinced that at most of these agencies the proportion of labor performed by white employees has steadily diminished, whilst

that performed by Indians has increased." An inclination to own cattle is developing and their stock is increasing, while the raising large numbers of ponies, as heretofore, is in some quarters discouraged.

Some of the Indians "have suffered heavy losses of their best stock by horse-thieves." In such cases the agent had great difficulty to recover the animals from the robbers, sometimes accomplishing this only in part. Another source of trouble still exists from the whiskey-sellers, who get access to the Indians while off their reservations. There is yet "great need of an efficient police force, especially at and near the three South-western Agencies."

"The Indians have never before shown so much readiness to enforce law and allow criminals to be punished," they being unwilling that the many should be condemned for the bad deeds of a few.

James M. Haworth, agent for the Kiowas, Comanches, and Apaches, reports:

"Last fall a young Comanche broke into one of the trading stores and stole some checks and goods. Learning of it, I called a council of the Comanche Chiefs and laid the matter before them, telling them that the good reputation of all of them would be injured by such actions, unless they should take some steps about it, which they decided to do, and immediately sent some of their own people, recovered the stolen goods, and returned them, arrested the young man and took him to the guard house, where he was confined for several months.

"Subsequent to that circumstance a young Kiowa, returning from the Cheyenne Agency, stole a horse and was arrested by some of his own people, and delivered at the guard-house.

"Another instance among the Kiowas. A young man in a mad fit killed his wife. On hearing of it I called a council of the Kiowa chiefs and asked them to take some action about it. I explained to them the penalties the white man's law inflicted for such terrible crimes. After a short consultation they decided they would do with him whatever I said—kill him, if I said so. They said, however, that he was young and foolish, and did not know the white man's laws or road, but they would arrest him as soon as he could be found and bring him to me, and I could do with him as I desired. Two of their number, Dangerous Eagle and Big Tree, about nine o'clock that same evening brought him to my house, having made the arrest

themselves. I sent them on with him to the guard-house, where he was confined for several months, most of the time with ball and chain, working around the garrison in full view of his people. After his arrest they made the request that, in consideration of his ignorance of the white man's laws, his life be spared. I told them he would not be hurt; but the arrest was made without any promises of mercy being exacted or made, no soldiers being required, and done simply on my suggestion or request.

"I refer to these cases to show the improvement among them in favor of the enforcement of law and order. I am fully satisfied a police force could be organized among them which would be very efficient in preserving order, not only among their own tribes, but in keeping out whiskey-pedlers and other bad characters; to be efficient it should be fully organized and paid.

"There are now twelve Boarding Schools and two Day Schools, with about 900 children enrolled; the attendance is gratifying and encouraging, the conduct of the scholars generally satisfactory; many work well and study hard;" "earnest attention has also been given to their religious instruction."

"The Indians continue to manifest an ardent desire for the education of their children. A short time ago one of the chiefs, visiting a school, said to the children: *We can teach you nothing more; you have got ahead of us; but we want you to go on and follow the good white man's paths, and we will try to follow you.* Another school was receiving almost daily visits from prominent men of the tribe, who have generally expressed themselves pleased with the management. They seem to love good order. Big Chief, once a warrior, has been in the school three times; he made a speech, full of tenderness and love for the children, and counselled them to be obedient and diligent in their studies, pointing to a different future for them. He has given from his band eleven boys to be educated; thus confidence is shown in all that is being done for their children."

Alluding to one of the Southwestern Agencies, the Superintendent reported last autumn: "The condition of the Industrial School at this Agency deserves thoughtful consideration on account of the prominence given to industrial matters. One hundred and twelve Cheyenne and Arapahoe children have not only had the privilege of the drill and the method of the school-room, but have been trained in such industries as they will need to follow in after-life. Their energies have been stimulated by the

expectation of an individual interest in the results of their labors, and those who were in school last year have been assisted in expending their share of last year's products wisely and economically in cattle and clothing.

"The Cheyenne chiefs, in placing their children in school this year for the first time, sold robes and purchased cattle, so as to place them on the same footing with those who were in school last year. The school-boys now have a herd of twenty-five—their own property—and the school has the benefit of the milk and butter. They expect to sell their half of the corn crop, cultivated by themselves on the Agency farm, and with the proceeds to purchase more cattle and clothing, whilst the other half will suffice to feed the Agency stock this winter.

"The girls have been making garments for sale to the traders, and exchanging them for such clothing as they need. I know that this is no fancy sketch. It is a joyful reality."

"Meetings for worship, Bible schools, Devotional meetings, etc., continue to be held as heretofore," "and in all the Agencies there is some progress in Christianizing the Indians." The agent of the Kiowas and Comanches, writing about a meeting at one of the camps, at which more than one hundred were present, adds: "After the close of the meeting a number of them (the Indians) came to me and expressed themselves as glad we had the meeting. It would not perhaps be out of place for me to say I believe the presence of the dear Master was felt by more than one on that occasion. The next day Stumbling Bear, one of the oldest Kiowa chiefs, came to my house and said he wanted to tell me that, though he did not say anything in the meeting, his heart was not idle; that he was asking the Great Spirit to look down with pity upon him and his people, show them the good way, and take care of them.

"The meetings held in the camp, I am well satisfied, are not in vain. I believe it is the experience of those who have been engaged in the work, that in two years only two or three instances of failures to get interesting meetings have occurred, and for them there were some extenuating circumstances."

Two stated meetings of the Executive Committee have been held, one at Cincinnati in 11th month, and the other at Baltimore in 4th month last. Sub-committees have visited Washington to confer with the Indian Department and with members of Congress regarding the interests of those under our care.

The Associated Executive Committee recently waited on

President Hayes, "and presented him a memorial reviewing the work. The necessity of the establishment of civil law was urged upon his attention, and also the payment to Agents of adequate living salaries.

"He received the Friends kindly, and replied that in the brief period of his administration he had not had time to look fully into the Indian question, but he had every confidence in the present policy of the government. There were points in the address which needed legislation; they were important, and met his views. He would look forward with interest to the continuance of the work of Friends among the Indians, and concurred with them that the salaries of Agents should be increased."

At the late Meeting at Baltimore it was concluded to request the several Yearly Meetings to forward to our Treasurer, Charles F. Coffin, Richmond, Indiana, their proportion of \$2,000 for the use of the Committee during the current year.

From a carefully revised tabular statement, issued by our Superintendent last autumn, we select a few items of special interest, viz.: of the 15,500 Indians under the Agents nominated by Friends, 4,344 wear citizens' dress, 1,100 houses are occupied by them, 1,362 acres were broken by them during the past year, 15,905 acres were cultivated by them, and 251,144 bushels of corn raised, in addition to wheat, oats, potatoes, and other vegetables.

We are sorry to have to state that, on account of failure of health, James M. Haworth has been obliged to resign his position as Agent of the Kiowas, Comanches, and Apaches, making it necessary for us to seek an immediate successor.

"The efforts the Indians are making to advance in civilization is a source of great encouragement to all who are interested in the work." We therefore recommend a continuance of the service.

On behalf the Committee,

WILLIAM B. COLLINS.

47. The time for which the members of the Representative Meeting were appointed having expired, the following Committee was appointed to consider of and propose at a future session the names of Friends deemed suitable

for appointment to this service for the ensuing term, viz. : Edward Tatum, Rebecca Collins, and others.

Adjourned to 3 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

Fourth day, morning ; Meeting for Worship at 10½ o'clock.

Fourth day, afternoon :

48. The Epistles addressed by this Meeting to the Yearly Meeting of New England (both men and women) were read and approved, and the Clerks directed to sign them on our behalf.

49. The Committee appointed to nominate a Committee on General Meetings presented the following names, which were approved.

Committee on General Meetings :

<i>Westbury :</i>	Thomas W. Ladd,	Ruth S. Murray.
<i>Purchase :</i>	James Wood,	Abby W. Underhill.
<i>Nine Partners :</i>	Wm. Thomas Willis,	Mary G. Underhill.
<i>Ferrisburg :</i>	William L. Dean,	Mary S. Knowles.
<i>Butternuts :</i>	Joseph Knowles,	Sarah N. Hunt.
<i>Farmington :</i>	Enmor Haines,	Ann M. Haines.
<i>Saratoga :</i>	William P. Angel,	Elizabeth Mallison.
<i>Cornwall :</i>	Stephen Taber,	Sarah C. Hallock.
<i>Scipio :</i>	Isaac Mekeel,	Hannah Mekeel.

David H. Lane, William Carey, Chauncey B. Thorne, George W. Brown, William H. Ladd, Alexander M. Purdy, Thomas Kimber, James M. Haviland, Alfred A. Underhill, Jonathan Devol, Mary K. Murray, Lydia Carey, Mary Jane Weaver, Mary S. Kimber, Martha S. Ferris, Elizabeth R. Haviland, Hannah H. Leggett.

Quarterly Meetings were directed to appoint Committees to co-operate with the Central Committee in this work.

50. The Meeting entered into the consideration of the Discipline, as revised by the Representative Meeting, and having proceeded as far as the article on Monthly Meetings,

Adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Fifth day, morning ; 6th month, 7th.

51. The following Report was received from the Nominating Committee on the subject of Peace. It was approved, and the Friends therein named appointed accordingly for the ensuing year, viz.:

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

We are united in proposing the following names for a Peace Committee, viz.: James R. Taber, Thos. H. Leggett, Richard Collins, Henry Hunter, Henry H. Swift, William L. Dean, Emmor Haines, Alexander M. Purdy, Nathan Hakes, Jonathan Devol, Wm. P. Angel, Chauncey B. Thorne, Ruth S. Murray, Hannah H. Leggett, Eliza Underhill, Hannah Hunter, Mary M. Ferris, Lucy M. Dean, Ann M. Haines, Mary Knowles, Lydia Carey, Esther Gifford.

We would earnestly suggest, that in each Quarterly Meeting, our Committee should feel it their duty to have faithfully presented to each Bible School and Bible Class, as frequently as may seem best throughout the year, this valuable principle of the Gospel of the Prince of Peace. They should also feel it to be their duty to aid, according to their ability, all who are engaged in the name of our Lord and Saviour in forwarding this work.

On behalf of the Committee,
THOS. H. LEGGETT.

52. The Committee to whom was referred the commu-

nication from Indiana, relative to Foreign Missions, reported:

TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

The Committee to whom was referred the proposition from the Committee of Indiana Yearly Meeting, report :

That in consideration of our having now a provision for Foreign Missionary work through our Missionary Board, and that there is in that Board a channel for any funds contributed for this very important purpose to reach their destination, and in view also of the great field opened to us for personal labor and pecuniary assistance in our Southern country, it is not advisable for the Yearly Meeting to accept the proposition at this time.

On behalf of the Committee,
HENRY WOOD.

The Report of the Committee was accepted and their judgment approved.

53. The examination of the Revised Discipline was then continued, and the Meeting adjourned to 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon.

54. The Committee to nominate Friends to constitute the Representative Meeting reported :

TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

The Committee appointed to nominate suitable Friends to compose the Representative Meeting propose the following, viz.: Augustus Taber, Anna F. Taber, Benjamin Tatham, William B. Collins, Henry Wood, William H. Ladd, Caroline E. Ladd, Emmor Haines, Ann M. Haines, James Wood, John J. Thomas, Joshua M. Dean, Henry Dickinson, Grace Dickinson, William H. S. Wood, Elihu Hoag, Jonathan Devol, Mary M. Ferris,

Ellen L. Congdon, Ruth S. Murray, Daniel S. Haviland, William Carey, Mary Jane Weaver, Margaret Haviland, Thomas W. Ladd, Joseph Knowles, Nathan G. Swift, David H. Lane, Stephen Taber, Daniel L. Heaton, Alden Sampson, Daniel H. Hallock, King Rider, Caleb W. Allis, Willets D. Herendeen, Geo. W. Brown, William R. Thurston, Edmund Titus, Wm. Thomas Willis, Edward Tatum.

For the Committee,

MARY H. THOMAS,
EDWARD TATUM.

NEW YORK, 6th mo., 7th, 1877.

The Report was approved, and the Friends therein named appointed accordingly. They were directed to meet and organize without delay and give attention to the important business devolving upon them.

55. This Meeting having adopted a clause of Discipline providing for the appointment of Elders for the period of three years, it is directed that those who now occupy the station of Elder shall continue in that appointment for the period of three years, unless otherwise released.

56. The consideration of the Discipline was resumed.

57. The usual Statistics of the Yearly Meeting were presented.

They were interesting to the Meeting, though still somewhat imperfect. Our Subordinate Meetings were directed to give attention to the subject and forward to this Meeting next year as complete information as possible.

Then adjourned to 7½ this evening.



Quarterly Meeting.	Particular Meeting.	Additions to Membership during year by			Losses from Membership by				Number attending schools under care	Number taught by members	Number under 21 years of age.	Whole number of members, including children.	Number 1876.	Increase.	Decrease.	Remarks.
		Birth.	Request.	Certificate	Death.	Disown't.	Removal.	Resignat'n.								
WESTBURY.....	New York.....	3	3	10	4	0	5	3	5	64	337	324	13	0	0	
	Brooklyn.....	1	3	4	3	0	4	1	2	47	213	213	0	0	0	
	Flushing.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	21	21	0	0	0	
	Westbury.....	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	9	42	41	1	2	0	
	Westchester.....	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	2	19	17	2	0	0	
PURCHASE.....	Purchase.....	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	9	35	34	1	0	0	
	Mamaroneck.....	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	13	34	35	0	1	1	
	Chappaqua.....	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	21	87	78	9	0	0	
	Croton Valley.....	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	1	7	27	24	3	0	0	
	Amawalk.....	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	6	29	30	0	0	1	
NINE PARTNERS	Croton.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	34	31	0	0	0	
	Peekskill.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	15	15	0	0	0	
	Nine Partners.....	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	5	29	31	0	0	1	
	Oblong.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	13	14	0	0	1	
	New Milford.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	17	17	0	0	0	
	Coeymans.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	18	12	0	0	0	
	Hudson.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	13	12	0	0	0	
	Po'keepsie.....	1	2	1	1	0	0	1	0	27	126	134	2	0	0	
	Lagrange.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	28	28	0	0	0	
	Stanford.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	41	40	0	0	0	
FERRISBURCH..	Creek.....	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	3	6	24	26	0	0	2	
	Ferrisburgh.....	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	6	53	52	1	0	0	
	Monkton.....	1	15	0	2	0	0	0	0	18	69	55	14	0	0	
	Lincoln.....	0	2	2	2	0	1	1	0	12	58	58	0	0	0	
BUTTERNUTS...	Farnham.....	0	7	0	3	0	0	1	0	14	69	61	8	0	0	
	Batternuts.....	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	55	55	0	0	0	
	Laurens.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	27	25	2	0	0	
	Westmoreland.....	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	99	98	1	0	0	
	Savina.....	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	11	73	76	0	3	0	

SARATOGA.....	Queensbury.....	4	10	6	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	44	191	173	18	0	New Meeting, with 18 members from Platte- kill Meeting.	
	Luzerne.....	0	7	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	77	70	7	0		
	Moreau.....	1	63	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	46	138	96	42	0	0		
CORNWALL.....	Cornwall.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	20	82	84	0	2	0		
	Blooming Grove.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	23	23	0	0		0
	Monroe.....	0	14	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	25	91	62	29	0	0		0
	Marlborough.....	0	2	0	2	0	0	11	1	1	1	7	25	90	102	0	12	0		0
	Valley.....	0	3	2	0	0	0	4	1	1	1	13	34	134	134	0	0	18		0
	Plattekill.....	0	1	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	48	0	48	0		0
	Rosendale Plains.....	0	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	33	95	95	0	0		0
SCIPIO.....	Scipio.....	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	33	95	95	0	0	0	0	
	North Street.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	19	57	23	24	0	0	
	Union Springs.....	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	8	26	48	0	12	0	
	Skaneateles.....	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	29	26	3	0	0	
	Evans' Mills.....	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	26	0	26	0	0	
	Hector.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	23	24	0	1	0	
FARMINGTON...	Farmington.....	2	4	7	3	0	1	0	0	0	1	9	35	151	144	144	7	0	0	
	Maceton.....	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	30	0	0	0	0	
	Rochester.....	0	0	0	2	0	0	6	1	0	0	0	0	9	47	0	0	0	0	
	Wheatland.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	24	0	0	0	0	0	
	Elba.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	30	0	0	0	0	0	
	Batavia.....	2	25	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	15	39	0	0	0	0	0	
	Collins.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	46	0	0	0	0	0	
	Clear Creek.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	7	32	0	0	0	0	0	
	Hartland.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	33	0	0	0	0	0	
	Somerset.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27	0	0	0	0	

New Meeting, with 18
members from Platte-
kill Meeting.

Set off from Butternuts.

RECAPITULATION.

WESTBURY.....	4	6	19	10	0	9	4	7	126	632	616	16	0
PURCHASE.....	1	1	4	4	0	2	0	6	69	261	247	14	0
NINE PARTNERS.....	2	2	1	5	0	0	2	6	73	388	390	0	2
FERRISBURGH.....	1	26	2	8	0	1	2	1	50	249	226	23	0
BUTTERNUTS.....	0	1	0	4	1	6	0	31	254	254	0	0	0
FARMINGTON.....	5	29	8	7	0	11	3	14	85	459	477	0	0
SARATOGA.....	5	80	6	6	0	10	0	16	100	406	339	67	0
CORNWALL.....	0	48	7	9	2	23	3	28	159	631	586	45	0
SCIPIO.....	3	10	4	2	0	0	0	8	73	266	226	40	0
TOTAL.....	21	203	51	55	3	46	14	87	757	3546	3361	305	2
													Net increase, 203.

Statistics not complete.

Increase partly from But-
ternuts.

Evening Session.

58. The consideration of the Discipline was completed.

59. The Book of Discipline received from the Representative Meeting, and modified by some amendments, was approved as The Discipline of New York Yearly Meeting.

Its publication was referred to the Representative Meeting.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Sixth day, morning ; 6th mo., 8th.—Separate Session.

60. An interesting and instructive Memorial, prepared by Purchase Monthly Meeting, of our late friend Anna C. Griffin, forwarded by Purchase Quarterly Meeting to the Representative Meeting, was read and referred to the Representative Meeting for publication.

61. The following nominations of Friends to constitute a Central Tract Committee of the Yearly Meeting were approved, with the concurrence of the Women's Meeting :

Augustus Taber, Alfred Haines, Robert I. Murray, William H. S. Wood, L. Murray Ferris, Robert W. Lawrence, Christopher Wray, David S. Taber, Mary S. Wood, Rebecca Collins, Anna F. Taber, Martha S. Ferris, Mary H. Thomas, Sophia Wray, Elizabeth W. Taber, Sarah S. Murray, Cornelia Underhill, Elizabeth Haviland, Sarah N. Hunt, Caroline Cromwell, Emma C. Wood.

62. The following report was received from the Representatives :

TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

The Representatives to whom were referred the propositions from Saratoga, Ferrisburgh, Cornwall, and Farmington Quarterly Meetings, were nearly united in proposing to the Yearly Meeting to hold its next Annual Session at Glens Falls.

On behalf of the Committee,

HENRY WOOD.

63. The report was accepted. Pursuant to the proposition contained in it, the Yearly Meeting, when it adjourns, will do so to meet next year on the last sixth day in the fifth month at Glens Falls, New York. The Representative Meeting was directed to make the necessary arrangements for holding the Sessions of the Yearly Meeting at that time.

64. The proceedings of the Meeting of Ministers and Elders were read. The following changes were noticed in its membership :

- 3 Ministers acknowledged.
- 2 " deceased.
- 1 " removed beyond our limits.
- 18 Elders appointed.
- 9 " deceased.

The membership consists of 69 Ministers and
234 Elders.

65. The Committee appointed to propose a Friend as Correspondent of New York Yearly Meeting presented the name of Edward Tatum, which was approved, and he was appointed to this office. Address, Box 3814, P. O., New York.

66. The Committee to promote the Gospel Service of

Ministers in attendance at the Yearly Meeting presented the following satisfactory Report :

The Committee to promote the Gospel service of the Ministers in attendance at this time have attended to their appointment, and are thankful to be able to report that the different Meetings in this House, both for public worship and other devotional services, have been owned and blessed of the Lord ; also, that on First day, Meetings at Brooklyn, Flushing, Westbury, Chappaqua, etc., were attended by some of these Messengers of the glad tidings of Salvation, together with other Meetings during the week, and we reverently believe they were all held to the Glory of God. And now, realizing that though Paul may plant, and Apollos water, it is God who giveth the increase, may the prayers of the Church ascend, that abundant fruit may be gathered unto Him, to whom alone belongs all the praise and glory forever.

On behalf of the Committee,

THOMAS W. LADD.

NEW YORK, 6th mo., 8th, 1877.

67. They also presented Essays of returning Minutes for our beloved friend, James Nicholson Richardson, and for other Ministers and their companions, present with certificates, which were approved and the clerks directed to sign them on our behalf.

68. The Clerks reported that, pursuant to the direction of the Yearly Meeting, they attended a meeting of the Commissioners of the Centennial Exposition at Philadelphia, and presented the Memorial relative to the closing of the doors of the Exposition on the First Day of the week.

69. The following report was received from the Finance Committee :

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

This Committee has examined the accounts of the Treasurer

of the Yearly Meeting; it has compared the disbursements with the vouchers and found them correct.

The following Quarterly Meetings are deficient in payment of their quotas, viz.:

Nine Partners.....	\$159 58
Butternuts.....	135 47
Farmington.....	53 48
Saratoga.....	42 50
Cornwall.....	185 14
Scipio.....	72 54—\$648 71

The Committee recommends these Quarterly Meetings to endeavor to collect their deficiencies and remit them as soon as possible to Edward Tatum, Treasurer.

The Committee has carefully considered the various propositions from the Quarterly Meetings, and is united in recommending the Yearly Meeting to agree with the proposition from Purchase, that the payment by the Yearly Meeting of any portion of the travelling expenses of its members attending its sessions be discontinued.

In consequence of the strongly expressed preference of several Quarterly Meetings to raise money by voluntary contribution rather than by quota for several objects, the Committee recommend that liberal subscriptions be made in all our subordinate meetings in aid of the Committees on Temperance and Peace, to aggregate certainly not less than the amounts stated in the reports of those Committees as required.

The Bible, School, and Missionary Board having to engage teachers among the poor colored people of the South and elsewhere, and make other contracts beforehand, this Committee recommends the appropriation of \$500 for their use, and then that voluntary contributions be made in all our meetings to further promote that object. Our members everywhere will see, by reading their report, how important this work is, and will, we trust, contribute to it accordingly, remembering our stewardship of all that is placed in our hands, and our Saviour's declaration, "Inasmuch as ye have done it to the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

After careful consideration of the quota, way did not open to make any change at this time.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

To amount on hand last report.....	\$753 75	
“ “ received from Quarterly Meetings.....	4,433 70	
To payments for printing.....	\$564 80	
For travelling expenses of Members to Yearly Meeting.....	492 01	
For travelling expenses of Committees and members of Representative Meeting.	121 91	
For expenses of Ministers from other Yearly Meetings.....	278 38	
For refreshments at Meeting House.....	265 16	
For Executive Committee on Indians....	765 00	
For Bible School and Missionary Board.	500 00	
For Committee on Peace.....	500 00	
For Union Springs School.....	500 00	
	\$3,987 26	
Balance in Treasurer's hands.....	1,200 19	
	\$5,187 45	\$5,187 45
To balance in Treasurer's hands.....	1,200 19	
Estimate of bills payable at rise of this Meeting.....	800 19	
Balance toward coming year's expenses.	\$400 00	
The estimated requirements of the Yearly Meeting are :		
For Union Springs School, appropriated 1875.....	\$500 00	
Indian Committee, as per agreement with other Yearly Meetings.....	340 00	
For Bible School and Missionary Board, in addition to voluntary contribution,	500 00	
Expenses attending holding the Yearly Meeting.....	700 00	
Printing.....	600 00	
Travelling expenses of Committees.....	400 00	
	\$3,040 00	
Less the balance on hand.....	400 00 -	
	\$2,640 00	

The Committee recommends the raising of \$2,600 by our Quarterly Meetings.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

HENRY DICKINSON.

NEW YORK, 6 mo., 7th, 1877.

It was approved by the Meeting.

70. The Treasurer was directed to pay the amount proposed by the Committee, viz., \$500, to the Treasurer of the Bible School and Missionary Board.

71. The suggestions contained in the Report relative to raising money by voluntary subscription for the cause of Temperance and of Peace, and also to supplement by the same means the appropriation made by this Meeting for the Bible School and Missionary Board, were commended to our subordinate Meetings and members as eminently deserving their careful and prayerful attention.

72. The Quarterly Meetings were directed to raise and pay to the Treasurer of this Meeting, Edward Tatum, Box 3814, P. O., New York, their respective proportions of the above mentioned sum, viz., \$2,600, for the use of this Meeting the ensuing year.

73. The Quarterly Meetings in arrears, viz., Nine Partners, Saratoga, Butternuts, Cornwall, Farmington, and Scipio, were requested to endeavor to collect the deficiencies and remit the amounts due as soon as possible to the Treasurer above mentioned.

74. Pursuant to the advice of the Committee, the payment of the travelling expenses of members attending the Yearly Meeting will be discontinued. We would, however, counsel Friends to assist as far as practicable those in limited circumstances who wish to attend its sessions.

75. The Committee to nominate Trustees for the Educational Fund proposed the names of Edmund Titus, Pelatiah P. Page, and David S. Taber, which were approved, and the Friends appointed accordingly. The Meeting directed that all the securities of the fund should be held by these trustees in their joint names, and that henceforth the same order should be observed in relation to new investments.

76. The committee appointed last year to act in accord with the Trustees of the Henry H. Mosher Fund were continued, with the addition of the name of Charles W. Lawrence.

77. The following communication was received from the Bible School and Missionary Board :

TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

In twelfth month, 1873, the Representative Meeting referred to the Bible School and Missionary Board a communication from their Indian Committee, stating that the Cheyenne and Arapahoe tribes under their care were very much in need of a hospital, and that a suitable building could be put up for about \$700, and recommended that our Board call upon the Quarterly Meetings to contribute a sufficient sum for the purpose. In fourth month, 1874, we sent out a circular letter, asking for contributions for the purpose of building this hospital. In response to which about \$400 was received. This not being sufficient, the matter rested for a few months, when we were advised by those interested, that as the Government proposed removing the tribes to another reservation, it

would not be advisable to go to the expense of erecting a building until a permanent location was decided upon.

Now the Government offers a building for the use of a hospital; consequently the object for which the fund was raised no longer exists, and it is desired that the money may be used for the general good of the Indians.

R. M. FERRIS, *Secretary*.

On consideration of the facts brought before the Meeting, it was concluded to leave the subject to the judgment of the Board, the fund being used by them for the benefit of the Indians as nearly in the manner indicated by the original subscriptions as possible.

78. In consequence of the absence of our friends, Robert and Susannah Howland, from the country, the following Friends were, on the suggestion of the Bible School and Missionary Board, appointed to fill the vacancies, viz.: Chauncey B. Thorne, Amelia Anna Thorne.

79. A communication from Rochester Monthly Meeting, relative to the debt on their Meeting House at Rochester, was received through the Representative Meeting. Voluntary subscriptions to a considerable amount were made by Friends in attendance, and the subject referred to the Representative Meeting for further attention.

80. The consideration of the State of the Society was resumed, continuing the exercise of Second day morning.

81. The remainder of the answered Queries was read and the following summary of the Report from the Quarterly Meetings directed to be recorded:

SUMMARY—ANSWERS.

1st. Most of our members are careful to attend our Meetings on First day mornings. Those held in the middle of the week are much neglected, but an increased care to attend Public Worship is mentioned in one of the reports. The hour is nearly observed. Mention is made of one locality where "no Meeting has been held in the middle of the week except for transacting business," and six Meetings were temporarily suspended on account of inclemency of weather.

2d. A want of Christian love is manifest in some degree in all but one of the reports. It is a want, however, which appears to be limited in every Meeting to one or two exceptions. When differences have arisen, care has been taken to end them.

3d. Our Meetings for transacting the affairs of the Church have all been regularly held. The Discipline has been administered when necessary, although not as seasonably in all cases as would have been desirable.

4th. With few exceptions, Friends are in the practice of reading the Holy Scriptures in their families collectively, with time for reverent waiting upon the Lord.

5th. With one exception in relation to their use, our members appear to be clear of the manufacture, sale, or use of any intoxicating liquors, except for purposes strictly medicinal.

6th. While most of our members are believed to be just in their dealings, punctual in fulfilling their engagements, upright in conduct, and of good report, there are a few who through unwatchfulness have given cause for reproach; exceptions are mentioned in all but two of the reports.

7th. Except in one instance, the Trust Funds belonging to our Meetings have been reported to the Representative Meetings. They are believed to be carefully invested according to law, and the Trustees are faithful in applying them strictly in accordance with the directions of the donors. Titles of property belonging to the Society receive the attention called for in the Query.

In considering the state of the Society, as shown in the answers to the Queries, the exercise of the Meeting manifested a very lively interest upon the following points:

What is the object of our Meetings for worship?

Our Meetings for worship should be precious occasions for us unitedly to prostrate ourselves before the Lord, to adore His

great and ever-excellent name, to seek individually for His blessing upon our souls, to inquire of Him concerning His blessed will, to unite in offering prayers, thanksgivings, and praises to the Giver of every good and perfect gift, and to proclaim the glad tidings of the gospel of the Son of God; and these we can only do as we are led thereto and qualified therefor by the Holy Spirit, who is graciously promised to all who ask for Him.

How can we be benefited by them?

We can be most benefited when we present ourselves in entire subjection to the will of God; not coming together in a dead formality, but, like Mary of old, sitting at the feet of the Lord to be taught of Him. We should present ourselves there in full dedication to Him, ready to run on His errands, seeking to hear and willing to obey all His commands. While the Lord may be pleased to have us meet before Him in silence to worship Him according to His will, that silence must be living and active, and not a formal and lifeless sitting together. We must be careful to look to Him and not to His servants, for it is the blessed privilege of believers to go to the fountain themselves and there drink of the water of life. Thus we may know of having our spiritual strength renewed, of being made glad in the Lord, of being bound together with our fellow-worshippers in our Master's love, and, as we are individually faithful to His will, He will take such abilities as we have and will use them to His glory; it may be in strengthening the believers, or it may be in making us instrumental in bringing sinners to the foot of His cross. Thus, being transformed by the renewing of our minds and proving what is the good and perfect will of God, the peace of God that passeth all understanding shall keep our hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

How can they be made instrumental in benefiting others?

Are the children fed? "Give *ye* them to eat." "Feed my sheep." "Feed my lambs." Have we nothing but a few small loaves and fishes? The Master can bless them to the satisfying of many souls. Will we give them and ourselves to Him for Him to use us and them as He may see fit? The Lord alone can give the increase, and make that sufficient which seems to us so inadequate. But let us be careful that we mix nothing of ours with the Lord's food, for it may prove to be but poison to the flock. The Lord's food alone can satisfy the hungry soul. If our Meetings are not attended by all the

flock, it may be because there is better pasture elsewhere, and we should be diligent in storing our minds with the truths of Scripture, so that the Holy Spirit may draw from a full treasury such food as is convenient for them. The Gospel has an attractive power. If we do our part in proclaiming it, God will cause it to draw many to our Meetings and make it His power unto salvation to every one that believeth.

How can our Meetings best glorify God?

They can best do this by our worshipping Him in spirit and in truth, and that worship of any heart or assembly most glorifies God which most perfectly responds to the promptings of His spirit. Therefore, we should both present ourselves in humble dependence upon the Divine guidance, and be ever ready to obey its calls. And he that offereth praise glorifies God, and we are best fitted for all the requirements of our Meetings for worship by being engaged in earnest persistent prayer. When we realize that our prayers have been answered to us, we should duly acknowledge it with thanksgiving and praise, to the glory of Him who is head over all things to the Church.

82. Essays of Epistles to the Yearly Meetings of London, Dublin, Canada, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio, Indiana, Western, Iowa, and Kansas, were presented, and, with a few alterations, approved.

83. The clerk was directed to sign them on our behalf and forward them to the Meetings to which they are respectively addressed, adding a postscript noticing the change made in the time and place of holding our next session.

84. As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the Lord is round about his people from henceforth, even forever. We would gratefully acknowledge that He has blessed us together during our various sessions, and with hearts responsive to His love, the Meeting adjourned to meet again next year at Glens Falls, if the Lord will.

AUGUSTUS TABER, *Clerk.*

NEW YORK YEARLY MEETING OF
WOMEN FRIENDS.

WOMEN'S MINUTES.

*At NEW YORK YEARLY MEETING OF WOMEN FRIENDS,
held in the city of New York, opened Sixth Day, Sixth
Month, 1st, 1877.*

The Representatives from the Quarterly Meetings being called, were present with the exception of twelve, three of whom forwarded reasons for their absence. They were as follows:

- From Westbury :* Ruth S. Murray, Lydia Post, Catharine M. Wood, Ellen L. Congdon, Amelia E. Page, Ruth B. Gifford.
- “ *Purchase :* Maria Willetts, Eliza S. Underhill, Adeline Burling, Mary Jane Mekeel, Lydia A. Griffin.
- “ *Nine Partners :* Elizabeth R. Haviland, Mary M. Ferris, Roby Osborn, Maria Ann Haviland, Bersena Bedell, Maria T. Willis, Sarah M. Upton.
- “ *Cornwall :* Sarah Elizabeth Birdsall, Phebe Sutton, Sarah E. Rider, Sarah C. Hallock, Patience B. Dingee, Hannah S. Heaton.

- From Ferrisburgh :* Lucy M. Dean, Abby I. Morrison, Anna Barton, Ruth Ann Hoag, Nellie Meader.
- “ *Farmington :* Mary Jane Weaver, Martha Ann Potter, Mary McNab, Sarah Peckham, Hepzibah L. Chase.
- “ *Butternuts :* Sarah A. Wood, Catharine Weaver, Parmelia Macomber.
- “ *Saratoga :* Eliza Spicer, Margaret Haviland, Mary Ann Potter, Phebe Gurney.
- “ *Scipio :* Mary H. Thomas, Hannah E. Mekeel, Martha Wixom, Margaret Wilbur.

Epistles from London, Dublin, New England, Baltimore, North Carolina, Canada, Ohio, and Indiana have been read, cheering our hearts and reviving the spirits of many of the Lord's children. May we receive the instruction contained in them as added blessings, for which we are responsible to Him who prompted them.

A Committee was appointed, in conjunction with a similar one of men Friends, to promote the services of Ministers in attendance ; also, to prepare returning minutes, viz. :

Eliza S. Underhill, Mary K. Murray, Martha S. Ferris, Mary Ann Potter, Hannah H. Leggett, and Hannah P. Ladd.

The Representatives were requested to confer together, and propose to the Meeting, at the opening of the afternoon session, the names of Friends to serve as clerks.

Adjourned to 3½ o'clock, afternoon.

Afternoon, the meeting assembled.

Mary H. Thomas, on behalf of the Representatives, reported they had conferred together, and were united in proposing Ruth C. Flagler for clerk, Caroline E. Ladd and Elizabeth Mallison for assistant clerks. The names being separately considered, were united with, and they were appointed accordingly.

Minutes of unity and concurrence with our beloved Friends in attendance from other Yearly Meetings were read. We welcome these Ambassadors of the Lord in the love of the Gospel; may His word sent to us through them not return to Him void, but accomplish that which He please, and prosper in the thing whereto He sent it, that we may be strengthened and united more firmly in the covenant of light and grace, thereby glorifying Him for all His mercies toward us.

They are as follows: Deborah C. Thomas of Baltimore; Sarah Ann Linton, Martha H. Jay, of Ohio; Jehu Jessup of Indiana; Joseph Hobson, Amos and Phebe Kenworthy, of Ohio; Allen Jay, of North Carolina; William Wetherald, of Canada, and Barclay Jones, of Iowa, Yearly Meeting.

The meeting had brought to its notice, by reading a postscript to the Epistle from North Carolina Yearly Meeting, addressed to the Men's Meeting, the ignorant and neglected condition of a very large number of the citizens of that State, and of the nine Southern States included within the limits of that Yearly Meeting. They invite other Yearly Meetings to co-operate with them in the great work opened before them. We were united in appointing a joint Committee with men Friends to take the subject into consideration, and report to a future session the

result of their deliberations, viz. : “ Anna Dickenson, Ruth S. Murray, Eliza Spicer, Julia L. Townsend, Mary More, Ann M. Haines, Ellen L. Congdon, Mary S. Kimber, Eliza H. Lane, Phebe H. Metford, Sarah H. Bowne, and Margaret Haviland.

Adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Seventh day, morning ; the meeting again assembled.

Epistles from Western, Iowa, and Kansas Yearly Meetings have been read. We appoint the following friends to essay replies to the Epistles, and present to future sessions, viz. :

Anna F. Taber, Mary S. Kimber, Mary H. Thomas, Mary More, Anna Dickenson, Ann M. Haines, Sarah W. Congdon, Martha Ann Ensign, Martha S. Ferris, Emily Underhill, Elizabeth Mallison, Bessie Chase, Sarah Heaton, Hannah Payne, Caroline Smith, Henrietta Titus, Grace Dickenson, Emily P. Drake, Julia L. Townsend, Mary Ann Brown, Cynthia Adams, Ruth S. Murray, Maria G. Willis, Mary G. Underhill, Ellen L. Congdon, Sarah Hunt, Mary B. Mott, Mary S. Knowles, and Rebecca Hallock.

The Committee are to take into consideration addressing an Epistle to our absent sisters of this Yearly Meeting, also to Friends in Australia, Norway, and other distant parts as way may open therefor.

Adjourned to 3½ o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon, again assembled.

The Friends appointed last year to present a remonstrance to the Legislature of our State, in view of the bill

for legalizing prostitution, gave an interesting report; but, not having accomplished all they desire, are continued.

This Meeting concurs in the judgment of the Men's Meeting, to grant the request from Saratoga Quarterly Meeting, to change the name of that Meeting to Glens Falls.

The proposition from Saratoga Quarterly Meeting, that the Yearly Meeting adjourn to meet at Glens Falls in 1878, is referred to the Representatives from the Quarterly Meetings, for their consideration.

A minute was read from our friend, Edward C. Young, of Ohio, now in attendance.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock, Second day, A.M.

Second day, morning, the meeting assembled.

A minute for our dear friend, James N. Richardson, from Dublin, was read. We greet him in the love of the Gospel, desiring that his labors in this land may be blessed to the gathering of many souls to Christ.

A report from the Tract Committee was read and approved.

A report of the Educational Fund was also read.

The queries were read, and the following summary of the answers directed to be recorded :

Ans. 1st. One Meeting reports an increased care in attending our Meetings, and in observing the hour; all the other accounts state a negligence in the attendance of our mid-week Meetings, and that many of their members seldom meet with them. One reports two Meetings not held on account of the inclemency of the weather; one omitted in consequence of a funeral. A want of punctuality in observing the hour is mentioned in nearly all of the reports.

ANS. 2d. Two meetings inform us love is preserved one towards another, and no differences amongst them; others say Friends *appear* to be preserved in love; another says, with little exception; another, with *one* exception. When differences have arisen, care has been taken to end them, though some report not so seasonably in all cases as would be desirable.

ANS. 3d. One meeting reports a meeting for discipline not held; another, in consequence of inclement weather. One Monthly Meeting was omitted. All the reports state that the discipline is impartially administered, though not always seasonably.

ANS. 4th. With a few exceptions, as expressed in all the answers, Friends are in the daily practice of reading the Holy Scriptures in their families collectively, with time for reverent waiting upon the Lord with thanksgiving and prayer.

ANS. 5th. All the reports state Friends are clear of the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, and, as far as is known, of the use of it, excepting for purposes strictly medicinal.

ANS. 6th. Friends are just in their dealings, and punctual in fulfilling their engagements. Three accounts mark a deficiency in uprightness of conduct and good report.

ANS. 7th. The trust funds belonging to the different Meetings have been applied according to the direction of the donors.

While the State of Society was under consideration, much regret was expressed that all the answers should report so great a lack of interest in the attendance of our mid-week Meetings.

Punctuality in this duty was urged upon us. Those who leave the cares of life to worship our Father in Heaven were encouraged to continued faithfulness, and to invite those not present to come and share in the blessing. Let the query be "Is it I? is it I?" that am not willing to make some sacrifice to join in the worship of Him? We profess to love and serve "the Giver of every good and perfect gift." Think it not too much to come together, and the Lord will be known by the breaking of bread. Many testify He was in their midst, filling them with joy and peace; little children have felt the blessing, and all have been refreshed.

The fear was expressed that we might allow the circumstances around us to control our religious life, but if we are

faithful children we shall find the Lord will bring outward things into subjection, and enable us not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together to worship Him, and we will find we are better fitted for the ordinary duties of life, and shall, through the aid of the Holy Spirit, be faithful in the field of offering and joyful in the house of prayer.

May we with one accord "Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness," and realize the blessing "that all things necessary shall be added."

Our attention was called to the important duty of reading and searching the Holy Scriptures, comparing passages, by aid of a concordance, both with our families collected and individually; both are useful and important to our growth in the truth. We feel that our Society has suffered great loss from want of a more thorough knowledge of the inspired volume. Our Saviour set us the example, answering all difficult questions by Scripture. He has promised to open our understanding, that we may understand them.

We shall find it a great benefit to be familiar with the precious promises, and also with the admonitions.

We were reminded of the blessing which attends gathering our children together and those in our employ, and in a free, loving manner talking of the Saviour's great love and mercy, asking help for the daily duties of life and taking time for thanksgiving and praise. He will fill us with His Holy Spirit.

We were counselled against our professions running ahead of holy living, which is dishonoring our Master and His cause. "If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit," that by our lives and our words He may be glorified.

The subject of intemperance was in an interesting manner presented to us. The use of any liquor as a medicine was strongly discouraged, as being dangerous in the extreme. We were urged to teach our children the entire disuse of it, and to do this it must be banished from our homes—they must not even *look* upon it. Friends were encouraged to place themselves alongside the tempted and fallen, "reason with them of righteousness, of temperance, and of the judgment to come." Rescue the perishing, raise the fallen, point them to the Lamb of God who taketh away the sin of the world. In order to be successful workers in this cause, we must have clean hands.

The importance of our faithfulness in obeying the call of the Lord was prominently set before us, not to excuse ourselves

from the thought that public ministry is more fitting for the brethren; remember we are living in that glorious day spoken of by the Prophet Joel: "I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy; and also upon the servants and upon the hand-maidens in those days I will pour out of my Spirit."

Adjourned to afternoon.

Second day, afternoon, the meeting assembled in joint session.

The Committee having charge of the Yearly Meetings Boarding School at Union Springs presented a satisfactory report.

The report of the Bible School and Missionary Board was also read.

The Committee on General Meetings presented their report, which was satisfactory.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock, Third day, A.M.

Third day, morning and afternoon meetings held in joint session.

The minutes of the Representative Meeting were read, which were satisfactory to the Meeting, and the revision of the Discipline entered upon.

Adjourned to 3 o'clock, Fourth day, afternoon.

Fourth day, morning, a meeting for public worship.

Fourth day, afternoon, in joint session.

An Essay of an Epistle for New England Yearly Meeting was read and approved.

Continued the revision of the Discipline.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock, Fifth day, morning.

Fifth day, morning, in joint session.

Mary K. Murray and Sarah H. Bowne, were appointed to settle with the Treasurer and report to a later sitting. Continued the revision of the Discipline through afternoon and evening sessions, and adopted it as The Discipline of New York Yearly Meeting.

Sixth day, morning, 6th month, 8th, the meeting convened in separate session.

An interesting report on Pastoral Work from one of our Quarterly Meetings was read.

Essays of Epistles were presented and read, for London, Dublin, Baltimore, North Carolina, Canada, Ohio, Indiana, Western, Iowa, and Kansas, also one addressed to our sisters in Australia and to Norway, and one to the absent sisters of our own Yearly Meeting. With some alterations, they were approved, and the clerk directed to sign them and forward them to the Meetings for which they are designed.

The Committee to Examine the Accounts of the Treasurer made the following report, which was satisfactory:

Balance on hand at last statement.....	\$76 10
Cash received for 12 mos.' interest.....	105 00
	\$181 10
Expenditures, as per receipts.....	170 00
Balance on hand at date.....	\$11 10

The principal remains, as heretofore, \$1,500, which is securely invested on bond and mortgage at 7 per cent.

MARY K. MURRAY,
SARAH H. BOWNE.

Sixth month, 7th, 1877.

A report of the Finance Committee was read and accepted.

The names of Friends proposed to constitute a Tract Committee for the year were read and approved by the Meeting. Also, those proposed for a Peace Committee.

The Committee to aid Friends in the attendance of our Yearly Meeting report that, from contributions received, a number of Friends have for several years been permitted to enjoy these seasons of refreshing with us. Realizing the great privilege of thus mingling together for the strengthening and building up of our Society, and the mutual loss sustained by the absence of any of our members, we would encourage the continued liberality of Friends in this direction, assuring them that assistance thus afforded has been warmly appreciated and gratefully accepted.

On behalf of the Committee,

ELIZA S. UNDERHILL.

Eliza S. Underhill, Mary G. Collins, Caroline Cromwell, Jane Reynolds, Henrietta Titus, Esther Gifford, Jane Titus, Sarah Collins, Hannah H. Mott, Ellen L. Congdon, Sarah F. Underhill, Hannah H. Leggett, and Mary Bowne were appointed to receive contributions.

We would acknowledge, at the conclusion of this meeting, the condescending goodness and guiding hand of our Heavenly Father, enabling us by His Holy Spirit to labor together in love as becomes His redeemed children, cementing our hearts in Christian fellowship, as members of the same household of faith.

For all the blessings received we render all the praise to His ever excellent name, and to Him would commend the keeping of our souls, as unto a faithful Creator.

We adjourn, to meet at Glens Falls next year, the Lord permitting.

RUTH C. FLAGLER, *Clerk.*

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